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Anatomy of a Protest, Part I

Queer Nation "Bible Thumpers" Prepare to "Thump" Glen Cole and Capital Christian Center

by David Eckert
MGW ASSOC EDITOR

From the very beginning it felt like a protest meeting. The location was a subterranean basement in a residential section of downtown Sacramento, borrowed from another activist organization who used it as their office. The air, dank from the dark earth and the recent rains, reeked also of subversion, indignation and excitement. The group which gathered out of the warm March night was primarily white, gender-balanced, and young. No one in the group of over twenty who attended looked like they had passed 25. Wire-rimmed glasses, leather coats, whistles and shirts and hats plastered with slogans ("What causes Heterosexuality?", "Queer and Single"; "Assimilation Isn't Liberation") completed the picture.

At promptly 8pm the bi-weekly meeting of Queer Nation Sacramento began with two "facilitators" (male and female, to provide gender-balance) bringing the meeting to order. The first item of business was a report from the "Bible Thumpers" (a sub-group within the organization which focuses on religious issues and actions) on the progress of the major "action" (Queer Nation's term for "protest") planned for Easter Sunday, April 19th, at Capital Christian Center located at Bradshaw and Highway 50. The group reported that 100-200 mailings had gone out the week before to activist organizations throughout the state, including Queer Nation organizations in all major California cities, asking for support for this major confrontation. Satisfied that the group had the planning well in hand, the meeting moved on to other more routine topics before breaking up some two hours after it began.

A short conversation with the "Bible Thumpers" after the meeting revealed the reasons they have chosen this particular time and place to stage a major "action". "Glen Cole," said one young woman, and the other nodded their assent, as if no further explanation was needed. Others noted Cole's close association with Rev. Lou Sheldon and the southern California-based Traditional Values Coalition; Capital Christian Center's support of Operation Rescue, a national right-to-life organization which, among other things, seeks to forcefully dissuade women from getting abortions; and Cole's own efforts to "convert" gay men and lesbians to a heterosexual orientation through prayer and a vigorous educational effort. A young man pointed out not only CCC's homophobia but their support of stereotypical treatment of women. Of the 23 paid staff positions at CCC, only four are filled by women, and one

of those by Pastor Cole's wife. Their vigorous support of Operation Rescue completes the dismal women's rights picture.

"There has to be some accountability for what they are saying and doing," the young woman continued. "They are spending millions on hate, and we have to counter that with another point of view." "We have to do something," insisted another. "They are killing us by the thousands."

The group agreed that the Easter "action" would provide maximum visibility for their point of view. While an exact time has not been set, the event will be timed for maximum media exposure at a time when the most people will be gathered at CCC for Easter services.



Photos by David Eckert

When asked what they hoped would happen at this "action," the comments tumbled out one after the another. "I want to see everything," one young man declared. "I want to see confrontation and exposure of the hate that CCC is spewing out." "I want two things," said another. "I want the gay men

and lesbians in CCC to understand that they are being brain-washed. I also want the straight people to understand that we're not evil, that there is another point of view, that we can all co-exist together."

Next issue: Who controls the mood of a protest? ▼

Oscar Night Protest: Making 'Hash' While the Stars Shine

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

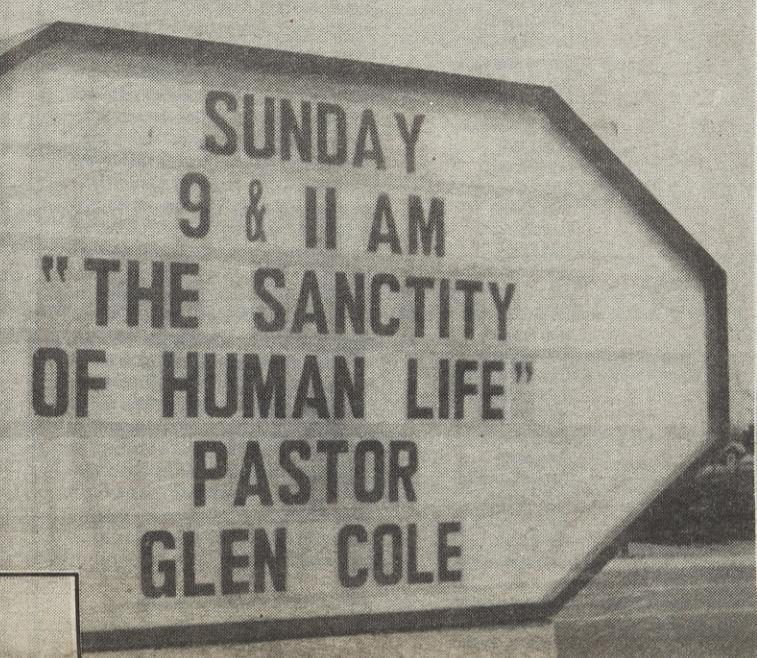
SAN FRANCISCO — Lesbian and gay activists from around the country are planning to make hash of the March 30 Oscar ceremonies in Los Angeles to protest what they call the "delesbianization" of motion pictures on one hand and homophobic stereotypes in films on the other.

Queer Nations from New York, San Francisco and other U.S. cities will join with Los Angeles activists under the collective name of HASH - Homos Against Stereotypes of Hollywood - to disrupt the stellar ceremonies at the Los Angeles

Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the end of the month.

According to a HASH press release, "A caravan of queers will be exacting revenge on the Hollywood establishment at its most excessive, self-congratulatory extravaganza, the Academy Awards."

Films that have specifically angered HASH activists including the "delesbianization" of films like "Fried Green Tomatoes" and "Welcome Home, Roxy Carmichael." Also targeted by HASH: "the homophobic stereotypes" in Oscar Stone's film, "JFK," "Silence of the Lambs," and "Basic Instinct," which is slated to be released around



Why "Queer Nation"?

Perhaps no other aspect of Queer Nation's identity and purpose aggravates more people, both heterosexual and homosexual, than the choice of the name. Why "Queer Nation"? Why choose a derogatory term that has been used against the gay and lesbian community for decades? Individuals within Queer Nation explain that the term "queer" is all-encompassing, including gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transsexual and transgender. It's a kind of shorthand to depict a very diverse community. Secondly, the use of such derogatory terms as "fag," "dyke," "queer," and "homo" begins to rob them of their power to wound. By appropriating the epithets that are hurled at "queers," the community is empowered, while at the same time the homophobes and hate-mongers, stripped of their power to hurt with words, are further diminished. It is difficult to use disparaging words to gain power over someone when that person is affirming at the top of their lungs that indeed they are "queer" or "fags" or "dykes." The term "Nation" was chosen to represent a non-sexist, non-racist, non-hierarchical organization with no leaders and no followers, only a supportive network that facilitates informed decisions by responsible individuals about a particular course of action. ▼

Queer Nation's Statement of Purpose:

Queer Nation is "a direct action, multi-cultural, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, and pro-choice group committed to fighting homophobia on the streets and at work; invisibility in society; oppression by a heterosexist system; and a million other nasty complaints."

the country shortly before the Oscar ceremonies.

HASH activists around the country will also be staging protests at local theaters in several cities when "Basic Instinct" opens later in March. The Michael Douglas-Sharon Stone thriller generated weeks of protests during filming in San

"A caravan of queers will be exacting revenge on the Hollywood establishment"

Francisco last year, based on scripts that indicated the movie depicted an ice-pick-wielding psychopathic lesbian killer and a bisexual woman who had also committed murder. A San Francisco group called "Cathe-

rine Did It" is planning to protest the film's opening here March 20 and other groups around the country are also gearing up for local demonstrations.

John Woods, a HASH spokesman, said the group is planning actions in and around Hollywood the two days before the March 30 Oscars ceremony and "some kind of action" to get into the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion itself during the Academy Awards program, although he acknowledged it would be difficult because of "really tight security."

Woods declined to discuss any of the group's actions in Los Angeles, but said, "There'll probably be some kind of effort to get into the Pavilion itself, and then there's going to be a scene. But we're not sure what it's going to be yet." ▼

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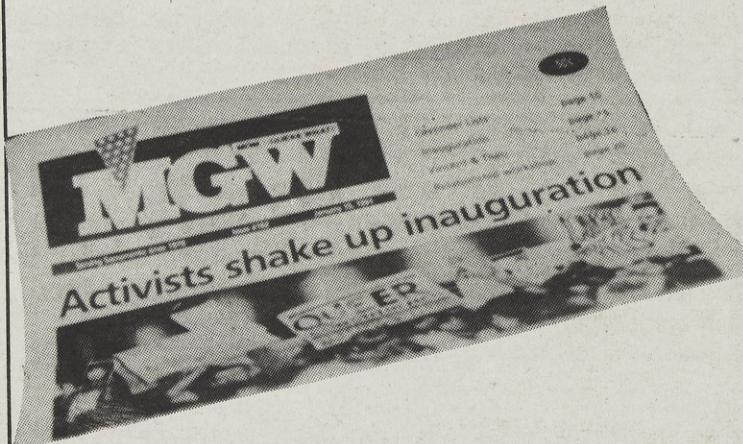
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Queer Nation Believer**Dear Editor:**

To the individual who wants Queer Nation to change its name to "Free Nation" or "Equal Nation"; the last time I checked, the society I live in is NEITHER!!! Perhaps your energy would be better spent by starting your own group (which I empower you to do), or joining an existing organization that better suits your personal needs. Isn't it more positive and empowering to fill a need when you see it instead of bashing or trying to change those who already exist? Don't we get enough of this from the heterosexual world? Queer Nation did just this. A group of individuals got together because we saw a need to actively combat homophobia, both in the straight community and our own. Your letter indicates we were right. As a believer in Queer Nation, I find it difficult to take advice from someone who appears so inter-

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nally homophobic that you have allowed the straight media to dictate what words you are comfortable with. We will not get anywhere as a community if we hide behind the labels and stereotypes that the media gives us. It is only reclaiming these words that they will become sources of power for us, not embarrassment. As Queer Nation believes in supporting and empowering the individual, I would like to empower you to take a chance and call the Queer Line and get to know us so as an individual can begin to dispel the negative stereotypes produced by the straight media. In order to make this a "Better Nation", we have to embrace each other first!

Queer National,
Karen Guckert

**Get Your Postcards Ready...
Are Homosexuals Glad
or Sad?**

The following is a reprint from the Ann Landers column in the Sacramento Bee on Sunday, March 8. You are encouraged to respond as requested...

Dear Ann:

I have read that two genetic researchers, Dr. J. Michael Bailey at Northwestern University in Illinois and Dr. Richard Pillard of the Boston University School of medicine have turned up some convincing evidence about homosexuality, based on studies of identical twins. The results have established the fact that genes may play a major role in whether a person is gay or straight.

Since there is now some scientific proof that homosexuals are born that way, and their lifestyle is not something they choose, do you think people will be less hostile and more tolerant of homosexuals? Please respond in the paper. This is a subject that a great many people are interested in and need to know about.

—Covina

Dear Covina:

Valid information is always a plus. I think that if people believed homosexuality was not merely an alternate lifestyle but the result of genetics, there would be less hostility toward the gay population.

Many straight people believe homosexuality is a curse and that gays are miserable. Some homosexuals may agree with them. I, however, have heard from gays who consider homosexuality a "special bonus." So let's settle that question once and for all. I'd like to ask the gay community how it feels about this.

To every homosexual who is reading this: Please send a card to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, IL 60611-0562, and write either "Yes, I'm glad I'm gay [sic] or "No, I would rather be straight."

I will announce the results in a few weeks.

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Postal Workers Editorialize?**Dear Editor:**

I have *heartily* supported taking the bag off our paper—and being *proud* to receive it. MGW has grown journalistically over the years. I want to foremost express my appreciation of "our" lesbian and gay publication. I want to be able to share it with family, child (12) and friends. There's a little catch here that I hope you'll discuss at staff meeting: my paper arrived with "fuck" (the "Queer" large print) in large print on the front page—very sensational, especially in a small town, and *not* the image I want of our paper. I didn't feel I wanted our daughter/family to see it. Now I've struggled with whether we need to go back "under wraps"—and at \$10 more.

I don't believe in censorship—but sensationalism isn't the journalistic quality I buy either. What do you think?

Sue Dolf

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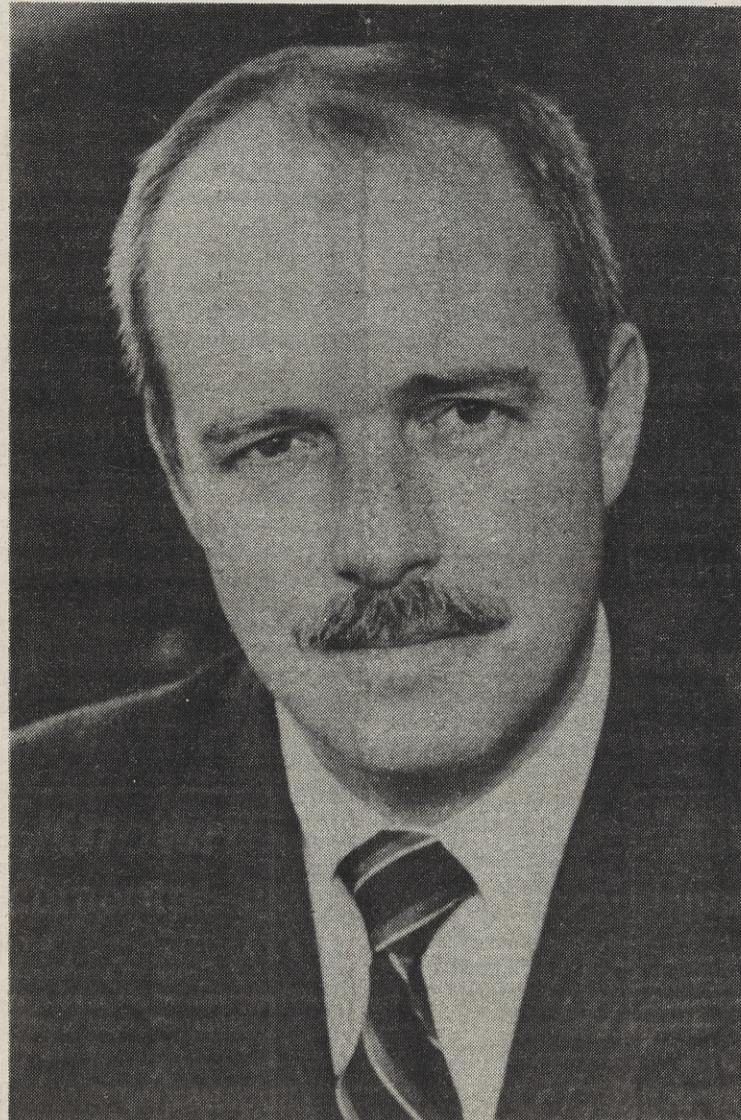
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Gay Republican Elected in El Dorado County



Kevin Wadsworth

Photo by Rink

California's November 1991 general elections marked a first for gay Republicans; the election of a gay Republican candidate to an elective office. Kevin Wadsworth was elected for a two year term to the Grassy Run Community Services District in El Dorado County. Community Services Districts are, for rural areas, much like city councils in providing general services to their locale: maintaining roads, parks, cable service, etc.

Upon taking office, Wadsworth was elected President of the board by the other elected board members. "Our issues are local," notes Kevin. "That I happened to be gay was not and is not an issue. That I have experience and am considered competent by my peers is, to me, a very important issue."

Wadsworth was supported by the Capital Political Action Committee (CAPPAC) and the Log Cabin (Republican) Clubs of Sacramento and California. CAPPAC is a predominantly gay bi-partisan Sacramento-area PAC, while Log Cabin is a predominantly gay Republican organization with seven chapters throughout California.

Retired for nearly two years due to HIV, Wadsworth is also Secretary of the El Dorado AIDS Task Force and President of Log Cabin—Sacramento. He previously worked as an officer for a major savings and loan association. His political background includes having served as Executive Assistant to U.S. Senator Ed Gurney (R-Fla.), Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and Council (Orlando, Fla.), as Director of Government Affairs, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and as President of Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights/Log Cabin—San Francisco.

Wadsworth and his partner of some 14 years, Paul Johnson, live in Placerville, CA. They own a rambling Spanish-style home and five acres, called the Lone Antler Ranch, where they raise sheep and maintain a small vineyard.

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RCDC News... Club to Celebrate Ninth Birthday

The River City Democratic Club will celebrate its ninth anniversary with a party at Faces on Saturday, March 21 from 6-9pm. RCDC is a grass-roots arm of the Democratic Party which works to improve the lives of local lesbians and gay men by participating in party politics. RCDC has a current membership of more than 200. Admission to the party is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. A drawing will be held for two nights lodging at San Francisco's elegant Nob Hill Inn.

For information: 394-3114. ▼

RCDC News... Meet Candidates for Mayor and City Council

All Democrats running for mayor and city council have been invited to present their views at the River City Democratic Club's candidates' forum on Monday, March 16, at 6:30pm at the Sierra Two Community Center, 2791 24th Street.

Nearly 20 candidates are competing for the post of mayor and for four city council seats. After the candidates have completed their presentations and answered questions, RCDC members will make decisions about endorsements in the June election. Each candidate has received a questionnaire from RCDC asking his or her opinions on a wide variety of subjects ranging from domestic partnership to revenue and taxation to the candidate's vision of the city's future.

Interest is focused heavily on the mayor's race in which Joe Serna, a city councilmember for eight years, is seeking to replace Anne Rudin who is a popular friend of the local gay community. Serna has offered the community several expressions of support, including substantive proposals for gay representation in city government.

RCDC members are also particularly interested in the District 4 and District 8 races for city council. Because Tom Chinn, the District 4 incumbent, is not running for re-election, that race is a wide-open contest between Dan Flynn, Jimmie Yee and Robert Adams. Flynn has attended several gay community events during the past year.

In District 8, the "new" South Area district created to meet the demands of African-American and Latino voters, eight candidates are vying for one council seat. RCDC is interested not only in determining which one appears sensitive to gay issues, but also in which ones appear capable of effectively representing people of color. ▼

▼ editorial

Christians...Be Accountable

The recent announcement by Queer Nation Sacramento that there will be a major "action" at Capital Christian Center on April 19th is bound to raise a few eyebrows in the lesbian and gay community. For some, the response will be, "Right on!" For others, however, the feeling may be, "Why bother?" "What's the big deal?" Why not live and let live?

Were it simply a matter of each community going about its own business and leaving the other alone, these feelings might be understandable. But the fact of the matter is, Christianity, particularly as practiced by those who insist on a rigid, uninformed interpretation of Judeo-Christian scripture, has been a major source of hatred and homophobia almost since its beginning. For 1500 years the Church has actively persecuted and oppressed gay and lesbian people. Make no mistake: *The Church is the primary source of American society's rampant homophobia*. It provides, so to speak, the philosophical base for every act of hate, every discrimination, every oppression that we as gay and lesbian people face in this country.

One young woman at a recent Queer Nation meeting summed up the reason for the protest this way: "They have to be held accountable for what they are saying." Indeed. For years the Church has wrapped itself in the cloak of infallibility (whether of the Pope or the Bible) and refused to look at the human wreckage created by practices and policies that fly in the very face of the "love" they so fervently profess. They have turned a deaf ear to the consequences of their actions. It is Queer Nation's hope that on April 19th the gay and lesbian will begin to speak loud enough for them to get the message. ▼

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Building Standards Board	4/6/92	4/16/92	4 residents of area
Carmichael Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		1 member
Citrus Heights Community Planning Advisory Council	3/30/92	4/10/92	4 residents of area
Civil Service Commission	3/16/92	3/27/92	1 member
Cordova Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		4 residents of area
Cosumnes Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		2 residents of area
County Health Council	5/4/92	5/15/92	6 seats
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County Service Area #4D (Herald-Alta Mesa)	Open Filing		1 resident of area
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Elk Grove Community Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		2 residents of area
Fair Oaks Community Planning Advisory Council	3/16/92	3/27/92	1 resident of area
Fair Oaks Community Planning Fire Advisory Board	4/13/92	4/24/92	4 residents of area
Florin-Elder Creek Cemetery District	4/13/92	4/24/92	1 general member 1 resident of area
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Contact Keith Johnson at Life Lobby (444-0424)	Open Filing		
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board	Open Filing		5 members
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board	Open Filing		3 seats
Mental Health Advisory Board	Open Filing		3 seats
Mental Health Advisory Board	Open Filing		4 seats
Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		4 residents of area
Noise Control Hearing Board	Open Filing		1 public member
North Highlands/Foothill Farms Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		1 resident of area
Orangevale Community Planning Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors	4/27/92	5/8/92	2 residents of area
Policy Planning Commission	2/17/92	2/28/92	1 general member
Project Planning Commission	3/9/92	3/20/92	1 member
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Sacramento Commission of History & Science	Open Filing		1 seat (Nom by Super. 1st Dist.)
Sacramento Environmental Management Dist. Hearing Bd.	3/16/92	3/27/92	1 general member
Sacramento Met. Air Quality	3/23/92	4/3/92	1 engineer
Sacramento Sports Commission	4/6/92	4/17/92	2 at-large seats (F) 2 residents of area
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		5 residents of area
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'Omnibus' Civil Rights Act Introduced In California Legislature

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO — Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) introduced what he called the "most comprehensive civil rights act" in the state's history on March 3 to shore up anti-discrimination legislation vetoed by Gov. Wilson or countered by state Supreme Court rulings recently.

Brown's AB 3825 would prohibit discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation in nearly identical language used in AB 101, vetoed by Gov. Wilson last September and igniting storms of protest throughout the state. The chief co-sponsor of the bill is David Roberti (D-Los Angeles), the president pro tem of the state Senate.

According to a press release issued Monday regarding the bill, "The California Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1992 seeks to restore California's place as leader in civil rights reforms in this country. The measure is the toughest, most comprehensive civil rights act in the history of California."

Hoping to counter opposition generated by several individual rights bills recently, including heated antagonism generated by AB 101, Brown's AB 3825 incorporates several other pieces of legislation that have failed to pass the Legislature or been vetoed by Gov. Wilson. Some of the bills have been reintroduced already, and proponents of AB 3825 hope to include them as well to create an omnibus civil rights law.

In addition to the gay rights provisions of AB 3825, the act would also nullify a state Supreme Court ruling last year that allows for some forms of "arbitrary discrimination"; would make state law conform more closely to federal legislation prohibiting housing bias against individuals with disabilities or children; would permit the Fair Employment and Housing Com-

sion to award monetary damages as compensation in discrimination cases; would prevent employers from using "English only" language requirements to discriminate against prospective workers; and would strengthen employment protections for the disabled.

"The enemies of equal opportunity are united," Brown said. "The advocates of unfair housing and job discrimination prowl the halls of the state Capitol, stalling, defeating and watering down anti-discrimination efforts. Now, for the first time since the civil rights revolution of the 1960s, California's human rights laws are weaker than federal law and the laws of many

other states. Like Southern states in the 1950s, Californians now must rely largely upon the protection of federal law to safeguard basic civil rights."

The legislation has the backing of several major organizations, including the Consumers Union, the ACLU, the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund and the gay and AIDS LIFE Lobby.

Laurie McBride, executive director of LIFE Lobby said in a telephone interview, "AB 3825 is the most significant gay and general civil rights legislation the state has seen in two decades. It is clearly going to be one of our top priorities this year." ▼

'Rogue Cop' Bill Passes Assembly

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA — Look out demonstrators and minorities here comes AB 2067. The bill, authored by Assemblymember Richard Floyd (D-Gardena/Hawthorne) and quietly voted for by virtually every liberal in the Assembly, protects rogue cops by limiting the ability of their departments to even question them about alleged misconduct.

The bill gives officers the right to refuse to answer any questions which might lead to disciplinary action. Even officers who have knowledge of the misconduct or are witnesses to it and are not targets of the investigation are protected from questioning. The protected witness status in effect, strengthens the already pervasive "code of silence" which exists because of peer group pressure in paramilitary police organizations.

If AB 2067 had been law at the time, the Rodney King investigation would never have taken place, the officers would have been able to stonewall the investigation and management would have been pow-

erless to do anything about it. In a recessionary economy in this election year, the rich and powerful California Correctional Peace Officers Union (CCPOA) and the California Council of Police and Sheriffs (CCOPS), another police union organization, sponsored the

AB 2067 "gives officers the right to refuse to answer any questions which might lead to disciplinary action. Even officers who have knowledge of the misconduct...are protected from questioning."

bill. Both organizations have a history of handing out large amounts of money in campaign funding as well as endorsements.

Despite heavy opposition from the American Civil Liberties Union; local government organizations and associations and the California Police Officers and Sheriffs Association, which represents top management in police and county sheriffs, the bill sailed through two Assembly committees, Public Safety and Ways and Means.

The bill passed without opposition on a 5-0 vote in Public Safety with three Bay Area legislators, John Burton (D-San Francisco), Tom Bates (D-Berkeley), and Barbara Lee (D-Oakland), all voting in favor of the bill.

The bill passed through Ways and Means on an 18-2 vote with minority legislators Willard Murray, Richard Polanco, Teresa Hughes, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Curtis

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really heartbreaking when you consider how hard we had to fight for AB 101 just to get the right to work and a place to live while we had Christian fundamentalists all over the place screaming 'No special rights for gays,' and here we have a bill that creates a special class of people—all of whom already have guns, clubs and badges, and gives them special rights and protections."

Denman said, "This legislation is basically saying, 'Niggers, Spics, Dykes and Fags don't mean shit in California' if this legislation passes the Senate and is signed into law. Pretty soon everyone is going to know someone who's been beaten up or killed by a rogue cop—and that cop will have gotten away with it. This is a slap in the face to California's minority communities, which together are in fact, the majority of Californians."

The City's 'Bad Cop, No Donut' representative, Gerard Koscovitch was unavailable for comment.

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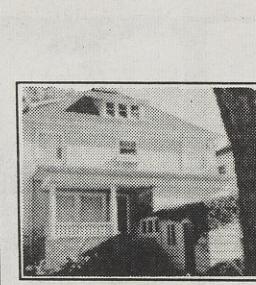
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under the dome

State Regulations Block Domestic Partners In Scores of Cities

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

When the Oakland City Council decided to look into offering domestic partner health insurance benefits to its some 5,500 municipal workers, its members discovered that the biggest obstacle they confronted wasn't homophobia in the community or religious objections from the bible-thumping fundamentalists, but the state of California itself.

To the dismay of rights activists around the state, Oakland is hardly alone. Cities from Oceanside to Tiburon to Davis to Yountville, as well as a dozen counties and scores of special districts throughout California are also barred by state regulations from extending health benefits to the unmarried partners - gay or straight - of their employees. Ironically, just four years ago the Legislature's Joint Select Task Force on the Changing Family criticized such bias and called for the state to "outlaw insurance practices that cause economic harm by discriminating against unmarried couples."

Some 80 or so California cities currently carry their employee health insurance through the California Public Employees Retirement System (CAL-PERS). But CAL-PERS regulations governing the state-operated health and medical insurance plan specifically exclude "common law spouses" and "life partners" as eligible employee dependents, preventing the cities, counties and special districts in the CAL-PERS program from offering partner benefits to its gay or straight workers even if they want to.

Although several large private corporations like the Cambridge, Mass.-based U.S. Lotus Corp. and San Francisco's Levi Strauss &

Company have recently begun offering domestic partner health insurance benefits to their employees to attract and keep good workers, tens of thousands of public employees throughout California couldn't get this sort of benefit if they wanted it and even if their governmental employers were willing to give it to them.

Like the other cities insuring through CAL-PERS, Oakland at best will only be able to extend dental and vision insurance which is not carried through CAL-PERS, instead of offering partner health insurance benefits. But short of dropping out of CAL-PERS in favor of a private insurer altogether, Oakland may be able to do little more than petition the Legislature to enact changes in the CAL-PERS regulations.

Whatever the Oakland City Council does, Vicki Kolakowski, president of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, said her group wants to help Oakland find a solution to the CAL-PERS impasse. "We fully intend to work closely with the Council and staff offering our expertise and support in finding solutions to this difficulty with CAL-PERS," she said.

Kolakowski said the question of legislation to change the CAL-PERS restrictions had already been raised with Oakland Assemblyman Tom Bates, who also co-chaired the Legislature's Task Force on the Changing Family, and state Sen. Nick Petris at the club's endorsement meeting. According to Kolakowski, both lawmakers indicated willingness to work on such legislation.

Laurie McBride, executive director of the gay and AIDS LIFE Lobby in Sacramento, said the CAL-PERS regulations were "typical of policies put into place under

the Deukmejian administration" but said it may be a year or two before putting together state legislation would be feasible.

"I'd be concerned businesses, even though this wouldn't directly affect them, would circle the wagons about this unless we worked very carefully in crafting any proposed bill," McBride said.

But in the meantime, Thomas F. Coleman, a law professor at the University of Southern California and an authority on domestic partners issues, says Oakland and other cities can in fact offer domestic partner benefits if they really want to - in spite of CAL-PERS - by finding "creative temporary alternatives."

Coleman says, for example, that any government entity could find out how much it now costs to insure the spouse of a worker through CAL-PERS and pay that amount instead to qualified partners of its employees for health insurance through private carriers. "They might even find out that a comparable private insurance policy for an employee's partner is cheaper than what they're paying for spousal benefits through CAL-PERS," Coleman said.

But Coleman added that Oakland's decision will actually amount to more of a "test of their commitment" to ending bias. "If they weren't really very interested in adding domestic partners benefits to begin with, they can just roll over and play dead," he said. "But if they're actually committed to ending this kind of discrimination, there certainly are ways they can find to get around all sorts of obstacles." ▼

A First for Stockton...

UOP Diversity Week Breaks New Ground

by David Eckert
MGW ASSOC EDITOR

The University of the Pacific—Stockton played host to a first-of-its-kind Diversity Week which began Friday, March 6 and runs through Saturday, March 14. The week's activities included a Diver-

1991. Starting with no office, no staff, no formal plans and, most of all, no money, he convinced the students and other influential individuals of the need for such an event. He put together a staff that reflected the diversity of the event they proposed, and together raised \$80,000 from students alone and,

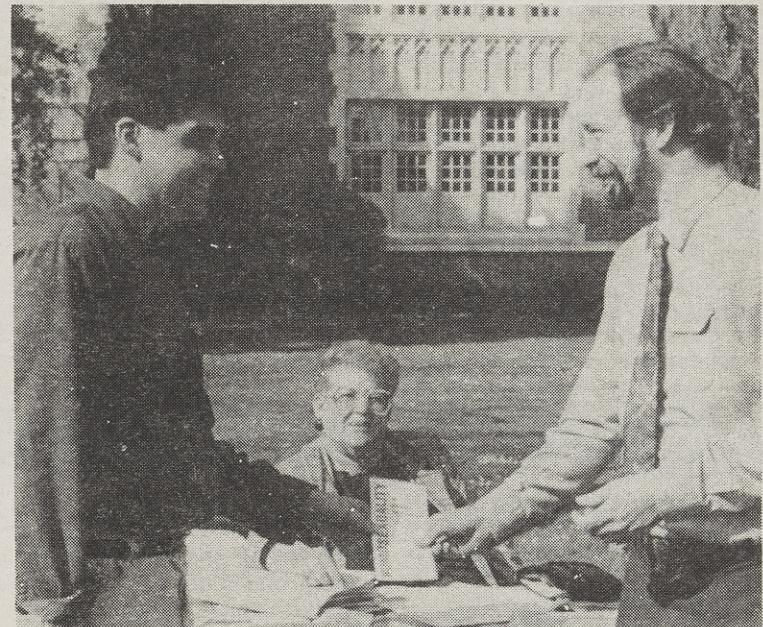


Photo by David Eckert

Mark Crossley of Delta Harvest MCC shares information with Mike Traina, originator of UOP Celebrate Diversity Week '92, as church deacon Joanne Wright looks on. Delta Harvest MCC was but one of many cultural and activist organizations represented at the Diversity Fair this past weekend.

sity Fair on Knoles Yard, just west of the university tower, on Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, where diverse organizations came together to display crafts, literature and food which represented their particular emphasis.

In addition, there are several workshops and lectures scheduled throughout the week, many of which include film showings and panel discussions. Movies which reveal a gay or lesbian theme include *Parting Glances* and a documentary exploring gay and lesbian themes in cinema titled *The Celluloid Closet*, produced and directed by the originator of the idea for Diversity Week, Mike Traina, a graduate student at UOP.

Mike conceived of the idea for a Diversity Week in September of

along with several grants from other individuals and institutions in the Stockton area, organized an event that included speakers from as far away as Australia and events that explore in depth the diversity of American culture.

The stated goal of "Celebrate Diversity Week '92" is not to create another "cultural" conference, but to create a week celebrating the diversity of all individuals, including those who are diverse in age, gender (dis)ability, religion and sexual orientation. It is a week that will integrate and educate as many communities as possible, and unite us in the understanding that diversity brings richness to our lives."

For more information on the schedule of Diversity Week, call 209-946-3999. ▼

structed his deputy to make notes.

Mosbacher was surprised, if not stunned, upon learning that only five states have discrimination laws that protect gays and lesbians.

NGLTF also suggested the

Republican Campaign appoint an openly lesbian or gay liaison to the gay community. The activists urged Bush to be inclusive of gays and lesbians and to talk about AIDS in an overall health care context. ▼

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HIV newline

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV EDITOR

Controversy Over "Socially Conscious" Ads...

Over the years, Italian clothing maker Benetton has developed marketing ads aimed at the "more sophisticated, socially-conscious consumer" between the ages of 18-34. But rather than catching a magazine reader's eye with a layout showing models wearing their brand of clothing, Benetton long ago developed a campaign in which they print the name of their company under photos depicting social issues such as race relations, gun control, and illiteracy. They've used controversial photos such as a baby just emerging from the birth canal with umbilical cord still attached and a white baby nursing at a black woman's breast. But their latest photo of a family around the bed of a fragile young man with AIDS just moments before he died has kicked up an enormous controversy. Benetton says its ads reflect issues they feel it's important to call attention to. Esprit clothing company says they have a similar campaign to "give a voice to young people." One ad shows a woman wearing a blouse; the caption reads, "find a cure for AIDS; I couldn't stand losing another friend." Is all this "social consciousness" which is probably selling clothes and making money for these manufacturers, a gimmick completely out of the bounds of good taste? Or are the campaigns in fact bringing much-needed attention to issues that are often hidden away and not talked about, making AIDS real for people who have no idea what this disease is about, and how it affects families? The controversy goes on...

Presidential Fodder...

Hot on the heels of watching former KKK wizard David Duke actually develop a following in his run for Governor of Louisiana, comes Patrick Buchanan running for President of the United States. Says Buchanan in his TV ad, "AIDS is nature's retribution for violating the laws of nature in many ways." The true violation here, of course, is the creeping feeling that Americans are becoming increasingly tolerant of the insensitivity of more and more of those purporting to be their leaders, who have the money to reach America's ear, whose hatred and bigotry are the most dangerous disease of all.

Acyclovir Use Expanded...

The Food and Drug Administration last week approved the anti-herpes drug Zovirax, also called acyclovir, as a treatment to reduce

the duration and severity of chickenpox in children. Until now, the only treatment has been salves to reduce itching from the rash. One wonders why this took so long. It's been known for quite some time that herpes zoster comes from the same virus that causes chickenpox, and that chickenpox can lie dormant in many people for years after an outbreak of the childhood rash, reappearing in adults as shingles, or herpes zoster. People with HIV are being successfully treated with acyclovir as a treatment for many herpes viruses. Acyclovir's use as a preventative is still controversial, since its useful life-span isn't known, opening up the possibility that it could become ineffective if used before it's actually needed for treatment.

Expanded Leave Privileges for Partners...

Washington, D.C. this month joins Seattle and San Francisco in giving recognition to unmarried couples, ending eight years of debate on the rights of non-traditional families. The decision, which faces review by Congress, will allow unmarried partners to register with the city as couples, provide a tax incentive to private employers who agree to insure partners, and require hospitals to give partners the same visiting rights as spouses. Additionally, city employees will be granted sick or annual leave to care for an ill partner, as well as funeral leave.

AIDS Glossary...

Candidiasis (or thrush) - a fungal infection, usually of the moist areas of the body, including the mouth, esophagus and respiratory tract.

Herpes - one of three primary strains of the herpes virus that can occur in people with HIV disease: (1) Herpes simplex virus I causes cold sores or fever blisters on the mouth or around the eyes, can be transmitted to the genital region; can be activated by stress, infections, or by a suppressed immune system. (2) Herpes simplex II, spread generally via sexual contact, causes painful sores of the anus or genitals; can lie dormant in nerve tissue and be reactivated to produce the sores, which often disappear within about 10 days. These lesions are highly contagious, and caregivers and sexual partners must avoid contact with excretions. HSV II can also be transmitted to the fetus during delivery and may be fatal. (3) Herpes varicella zoster (also called shingles) may appear in adults as a result of childhood chickenpox, consisting of very painful blisters on the skin that follow nerve pathways, lasting from ten days to five weeks; zoster may also appear in infants as meningo-encephalitis or other infection. (4)

Herpes viruses can also cause inflammation of the cornea of the eye, cytomegalovirus, Epstein-Barr virus, E-B infectious mononucleosis, or other severe and sometimes fatal illnesses.

Myopathy - a usually progressive, degenerative muscle disease that can be caused by an immune system disorder such as AIDS.

Lymphoma - Cancers in which the cells of lymph tissue, found mainly in the lymph nodes, liver and spleen, multiply unchecked. Lymphomas fall into two categories: (1) Hodgkin's Disease, characterized by a particular kind of abnormal cell; (2) all others are called non-Hodgkin's, and vary in their malignancy according to the nature and activity of the abnormal cells.

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Mark Your Calendar...

On Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 to 8:30pm, CARES (located at 2710 Capitol Avenue) will present a class on how to interpret and understand lab results. Physician's Assistant Mark Ghigliari will discuss the basic lab tests, how their interpretation tells physicians how your body is responding to prescribed medications, and other issues.

On Friday, April 10, 7 to 9pm, the AIDS Foundation (920 20th Street) will hold its MENS (Meeting Erotic Needs Safely) session on safe sex practices. They'll discuss how to negotiate safe sex, how to get more safety, pleasure and fun from condoms, and other topics. Call SAF at 448-2437 for more info. ▼

Kizer Named to CARES Board

Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., M.P.H., professor and chairman of Community Health at the University of California School of Medicine and former State Health Director for California, has been appointed to the Board of Directors at CARES, the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services.

Kizer, who has been with UCD since July 1991, served as director of California's Department of Health Services (DHS) for six years before joining the UCD faculty. During that time, he was instrumental in shaping California's policies and approaches to the HIV epidemic and is widely credited for overseeing the development of the most comprehensive and progressive state AIDS program in the U.S.

"Dr. Kizer has been extremely influential in improving the state's

and the nation's public health policy. His strong commitment to early intervention for people with HIV and new strategies for prevention will be a great resource for CARES," said John Riley, CARES president.

Kizer received his bachelor's degree from Stanford University; and his M.D. and Master's of Public Health (M.P.H.) degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles. He completed his postgraduate medical training at the University of California, San Francisco and with the U.S. Navy.

CARES currently provides treatment for more than 620 HIV-infected persons from throughout Northern California. The early intervention care includes initial physician, nutritional, health education and counseling assessments. ▼

AIDS Funds Takeover Attempt Bared

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA — Sacramento community based organizations (CBOs) and AIDS groups across California are up in arms at an attempted takeover of state and federal AIDS funds in Sacramento by United Way and the Sierra Foundation. The two groups along with five county health agencies have formed a group called the Regional AIDS Planning and Coordination Committee (RAPCC) which has petitioned the state Department of Health Services (DHS) to be designated the regional body responsible for AIDS policy development "resource allocation decisions." The community based organizations which formed a consortium of AIDS agencies in the five county area of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo are characterized by RAPCC, in a letter to DHS, to be "direct service providers - a self-elected body with no responsibility to any public electoral body for its decisions" and therefore should be relegated to an advisory role. In fact, the Consortium was created to meet State requirements for implementation of the federal funding of the Ryan White Act. However, RAPCC

feels that the inclusion of CBOs in key policy roles is "contrary to the public policy standards of the Sacramento region and will surely inhibit effective planning and resource coordination in the region if allowed to continue." The letter to DHS continues, "Therefore United Way Sacramento Area, Regional AIDS Planning and Coordination Committee should be recognized as the body responsible for AIDS policy development and planning in the Sacramento Valley Foothill Region. To the extent delegated by respective county boards of supervisors, RAPCC should also be responsible for all resource allocation decisions in the region. United Way is a respected neutral body which has the capacity, resources, including long standing community involvement of community members in human services, to oversee and evaluate regional planning, policy decision making and distribution of funds." According to Laurie McBride of the Lobby for

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GLAAD/SFBA

48 Hours

While many of the TV daytime talk shows continue to hold "balanced" debates on whether or not you should exist, or be tolerated, the network evening newsmagazines seem to be increasing their attention to lesbian and gay issues in a way that treats us like human beings. On February 26, the CBS show, 48 Hours, devoted an hour to the increasing acceptance of hate groups in American society, and profiled a fundamentalist homophobic group alongside the KKK and neo-Nazis. The show was hosted by Dan Rather.

One segment dealt with Sean Slater, an articulate Ku Klux Klan leader who demonstrated the Klan's increasing skill in publicizing themselves as a mainstream organization. Another segment covered the Boston Police Department's hate crimes unit, and another profiled Bradley Smith (the man who recently made headlines by placing ads in college newspapers declaring that the holocaust was a hoax).

The final segment looked at the Oregon Citizen's Alliance, a far right group sponsoring a ballot initiative that would mandate discrimination against lesbians and gays. Donna Redwing, a Portland lesbian activist, spoke articulately about our civil rights, and about the climate of violent hate fostered by the OCA. Scott Lively, head of the OCA, sounded just like the KKK as he denied hating lesbians and gays, but went on to defend his initiative, which would amend the Oregon State Constitution to declare that homosexuality is "abnormal and perverse conduct".

As we have seen in coverage of Pat Buchanan's presidential campaign, the media usually treat racism and anti-Semitism as a problem, but consider homophobia a valid "conservative" opinion. Homophobes will certainly be letting 48 Hours know that they object to being compared to the KKK and neo-Nazis--please send them your thanks for taking both your humanity and hatred against lesbians and gays seriously.

Write to 48 Hours, 524 West 57th Street, NY 10019.

PrimeTime Live

On February 20, the ABC newsmagazine show PrimeTime Live offered a great profile of gay Massachusetts representative Barney Frank. The piece, reported by Diane Sawyer, covered Frank's coming out of the closet, as well as the controversy over his involvement with prostitute Steve Gobbi, but these issues were covered fairly and in proportion to the work that Frank does.

The piece profiled Frank extensively before even mentioning his sexual orientation, describing the esteem with which his colleagues and constituents view him. Sawyer described Frank as "one of the truly gifted legislators of our times," and as "a man who does the most scandalous thing you can do in Washington--he tells the truth." His views about democratic presidential politics were discussed extensively.

Viewers got to see even conservative politicians like Newt Gingrich praising Frank's integrity. The piece ended with attention to Frank's lover of 6 years, Herb Moses. PrimeTime Live seems to be generally increasing its attention to lesbian and gay issues, and this time they did a fair, sensitive job.

Give ABC your feedback on this show by writing to Rick Kaplan, Executive Producer, PrimeTime Live, ABC News, 47 W. 66th St., NY 10023.

Bill McCartney

Bill McCartney, football coach for the University of Colorado, recently made headlines for a shocking torrent of rabid homophobia. McCartney said that homosexuality is "an abomination of Almighty God," called it a behavior that can be "changed," and said "I want to be a man who tries to give young people an alternative to this kind of lifestyle."

CU president Judith Albino issued a statement saying she was satisfied the coach did not intend to imply university endorsement of his views. Meanwhile, McCartney, appearing before cameras in a CU coaches' sweater, declared that homosexuals are "a group of people who don't reproduce, yet want to be compared with people who do reproduce." (The press did not report whether or not McCartney has reproduced.)

Write to CU president Albino and make sure she disassociated the University from hate and that she takes steps to protect gay and lesbian students from the coach's prejudice. If you have children, be sure and tell her how you would feel about your daughter or son being under Coach McCartney's supervision.

Contact Dr Judith Albino, Office of the President, University of Colorado, Campus Box 35, Boulder CO 80309, tel 303-492-6201.

Samuel Francis

Sometimes it seems like the press has no standards at all when it comes to promoting lies and hatred about our community. A syndicated column by Washington Times columnist Samuel Francis, which

appeared in newspapers nationwide last week (though so far in no Bay Area dailies), would make even Pat Buchanan blush.

Francis blames the gay and lesbian rights movement for everything from increased crime to AIDS. It's tough to decide what to quote from this pile of trash, but here's a good sample: "Unable to satiate their passions in normal fashion, some 'gays' must resort to the bizarre and the morbid...Every account of homosexual clubs and bars that makes it to the light of day is the same: group sex..., sadomasochistic variations and pedophilia. Jeffrey Dahmer may be an extreme case, but he was the logical extreme that proceeded from and exploited erotic urges that can find no natural expression."

Francis goes on to glorify the fifties because sodomy laws were enforced, allowing citizens to "walk down the street in broad daylight or fix dinner in their kitchens without worrying whether they would be shot to death by zonked-out zombies." The piece is peppered with

insulting names for gay and lesbian activists, like "partisans of perversion," and the "sodomy lobby."

This piece is not from the Weekly World News, but from a major respected syndicator. See if you can awaken any sense of decency in the Tribune Media Services, Inc., 64 East Concord Street, Orlando FL 32801, tel 407-839-5600.

S.F. Chronicle...

Meanwhile, the American press seems to be improving in its attention to the international scope of the gay and lesbian civil rights movement. In the November 15 *San Francisco Chronicle*, an article by John Otis titled "Fight Against AIDS Started Nicaragua's 'Gay Revolution,'" described the beginnings of a movement in that country. Otis described a country "with no gay bars and a population rife with homophobia," which highlighted the courage of those Nica-

raguans who are coming out of the closet and joining the movement. The country now has its first gay club since the Somoza dictatorship (the club was, however, forced by the government to move into a discreet neighborhood), and this year celebrated the Stonewall anniversary for the first time.

Thanks to the *Chron* for a good article, and encourage them to do more coverage of the situation of gays and lesbians in Central and South America. Write to Matt Wilson, Managing Editor, San Francisco Chronicle, 901 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, (415) 777-1111.

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▼ news clips

by Denise Okamoto
NEWSCLIP EDITOR

Gay Cop Recruiting...

San Jose Police Chief Lou Cobarruviaz announced his intention to recruit gays and lesbian to law enforcement. Cobarruviaz is the first police chief outside of San Francisco to seek out gay personnel.

--Sacramento Bee

Vet House...

Submissions are being accepted for previously unpublished poetry, short essays and/or visual art from those desiring to comment on war from a personal, patriotic or historical perspective. An anthology entitled "Sacramento Voices: Valley Forge to Death Alley" is being compiled and submissions will be accepted through April 1, 1992. Submission guidelines can be obtained by sending a SASE to Centurion Publishing, P.O. Box 38499, Sacramento, CA 95838. Phone 916-552-1940.

Out! Is Back...

Idaho's Gay and Lesbian newspaper, Out! is back in circulation with a new editor and production staff. Write to P.O. Box 323, Boise, Idaho 83701. (208) 336-3870.

Gay L.A. Cops...

The Los Angeles Police Commission is allowing gay and lesbian officers to wear their police uniforms when attending a police booth at a gay pride event. This decision should avoid last years controversy when officers were denied the right to wear uniforms at a gay event when staffing their booth.

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Judge Rules In Favor of Lesbian Denied Employment...

A judge in Texas struck down the state "sodomy" law, and barred the City of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department from using the law as a basis for rejecting lesbian and gay applicants. The ruling came in a lawsuit brought by Lambda Legal Defense on behalf of Mica England, a Dallas woman denied work as a police officer because of the DPD's declared policies.

Award Winning Publications From P-FLAG...

Four new P-FLAG publications for families and friends of lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals have been published by Parents Flag Federation. They are "Supporting Our Gay Loved Ones: a Parents FLAG Perspective", "Who is Killing Whom?" which explains why sexual orientation is motivation for suicide in teens, "You Can Help", which is an overview of the growing up experience of gays and lesbians, and "Youth and Homosexuality". To order these a set of all four papers send \$5 to Parents FLAG, Department RAY1, Post Office Box 27605, Washington, DC 20038.

Cracker Barrel Back Down On Gay Activists...

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced that Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores has dropped its lawsuit against lesbian and gay activists. The company had attempted to legally restrain activist from protesting at one of its restaurants in Tennessee.

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Joseph Beam Memorial Award...

OUT Write '92, the third national conference of lesbian and gay writers, will be the site of a new \$1,000 book award in memory of Joseph Beam, editor of *In The Life*, the first anthology of black gay men's writing.

\$100,000 Will Be Awarded In Grants...

Christopher Street West/Los Angeles announced that a total of \$117,000 will be available for grants to the gay and lesbian community in the 1992 fiscal year. The most common grant is for the community organizations which provide services and education to the gay community.

Nations First Commission On Gay And Lesbian Youth...

Mass. Governor William Weld signed an executive order establishing the "Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth". The Commission will advise the Governor directly as well as three members of his cabinet on creation of programs to help gay and lesbian youth.

Car Ads Aimed at Gay Families...

Toyota dealers in Australia are now testing a group of car ads which are aimed at gay customers. One ad depicts two men with two dogs and a picnic basket besides a Toyota Seca Ultima. The headline reads, "The Family Car". The text reads, "When we talk to you about a family car, we mean a car that is big enough for a couple and their friends to stretch out in comfort."

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Levi Strauss Extends Partners Benefits To Workers

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — The world's largest clothier, Levi Strauss & Co., announced Friday, Feb. 21, that it will begin offering full health insurance benefits to the unmarried life partners of its 23,000 employees in this country beginning in June.

"When we looked at our policies prohibiting discrimination for race, sex, national origin, or marital status, we realized our own practices were not in compliance with our policy," said Reese Smith, Levi's employee benefits director. "We want a non-discriminatory workplace."

The new policy, which will go into effect on June 1, makes Levi Strauss the largest firm in the United States to offer equal insurance benefits to the domestic partners of its workforce.

Several U.S. cities, including Seattle and San Francisco, have adopted domestic partner legislation. But businesses have increasingly embraced corporate partners policies, including The Village Voice, the American Psychological Assn., Ben & Jerry's ice cream, New York's Montefiore Medical Center, Next Computer Inc., and computer software giant Lotus Development Corp. outside Boston.

Levi Strauss officials say they have no idea how many of its employees are likely to take advantage of the new policy nor how

much the benefits are likely to cost the firm.

Levi Strauss commissioned a study by Hewitt Associates of similar workers' benefits nationwide that indicated cost was one of the major concerns 50 of the largest firms in the Bay Area had about offering partners health benefits. Even so, more than half the companies said they would still consider offering their workers domestic partner benefits.

The financial concerns may be more imaginary than real. The survey also found that out of some 50,000 public and private sector employees who had been offered partners benefits in the country last year, only some 750 people actually applied, only about half of them gays and lesbians. According to Dorothy McNaughton of Hewitt, "The majority of the partners - gay or heterosexuals - are employed, and many already have health benefits."

When the new program goes into effect this June, the domestic partners of Levi Strauss qualified employees will be eligible for medical and dental health insurance coverage. To be eligible, the Levi Strauss worker and partner must be unmarried, living together, financially interdependent and "have joint responsibility for each other's common welfare" who consider each other "life partners." The new benefits program is identical to what the garment company now offers the spouses of its married employees.▼

First Openly Gay Candidate to Run for Senate

Jim Mangia, the San Francisco County Chair of the Peace and Freedom Party, has announced that he will run for the United States Senate in California against incumbent Senator John Seymour and challenger Dianne Feinstein. Mangia is the first openly gay candidate in American history to seek a U.S. Senate seat. In 1990, Mangia ran as an openly gay candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors as an independent, gathering 10,000 votes, a record for a citywide independent.

"We are running this historic campaign for the U.S. Senate," stated Mangia, who is a long-time independent gay activist, "to begin to open up the political process to openly gay and independent candidates."

Mangia, who is 34 years old, is running on a slate headed up by Dr. Lenora Fulani, an Independent candidate for President of the United States. Fulani has raised over \$1 million in federal matching funds, the third largest amount of any presidential candidate.▼

Takeover From Pg. 6

Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE), "This is the first step to a statewide, and possibly nationwide takeover. These people are pirates in an out and out power grab. Their lists of members and affiliations are a nightmare, county health officers, Foundation Health Plan executives and on and on. These are the people who have clear conflicts of interest—not community based organizations," she said. McBride has sent an alert to AIDS agencies on her mailing list throughout the state, asking that letters be sent to DHS in an attempt to counter the takeover. Lambda Community Center Executive Director, Jake Steuble said his board had written the following to DHS: "We are stunned to think this request has been made especially in light of the intent of the Ryan White Bill. While it (RAPCC) deems the Consortia to be self-elected with no responsibility to any public electoral body for its decisions — those very factors seem to be an apt description of RAPCC itself. At least 70 percent of the target population for AIDS is within the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. It must be noted that,

San Jose Top Cop to Be First to Recruit Gays

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Jose's new top cop, Lou Cobarruvia, says when the annual San Jose Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration takes place this year, he will personally be there to recruit prospective police officers for the department to "set an example for my officers." The move would make Cobarruvia the first police chief in the country to personally recruit gays and lesbians for a city police force.

"As we move into community policing," Chief Cobarruvia said, "I believe it's important that I set an example for my officers. Regardless of anyone's lifestyle or personal beliefs, if they are qualified for the department, I'm happy to have them join us. My only concern is that we have competent officers who can do the job."

Cobarruvia, who took over as head of San Jose's 1,100-officer

police force last November, compared the political struggles by gays and lesbians to similar battles Latinos have faced in knocking down barriers with law enforcement and the larger community. "We don't have the hostilities and animosities we had in years past," said Cobarruvia, who is a co-founder of the Latino Peace Officers Association.

Cobarruvia said the longstanding distrust had kept many gays and lesbians from reporting crimes to police. The new police chief said increasing anti-gay violence makes it essential for officers to be able to serve the gay community by encouraging gays and lesbians "to report to us directly and cooperate with us in identifying suspects."

The new chief added, "It is difficult for any community to trust the department if they feel they are not represented on that department, so I will not hesitate to send my offic-

ers to any community. I will be there [at the gay pride celebration] and have my recruiting team there with me."

Cobarruvia said only two officers — both women — had come out during a sensitivity program last year and praised both the two women and the other officers on the force for their response to them. "It is a healthy thing to do what is appropriate and have the courage to get it out in the open," he said. "There was no hullabaloo, not a ripple. Some people even gave them [the two officers] a hug."

There are openly gay and lesbian police officers in a few other cities around the country — San Francisco, San Diego, New York and Los Angeles — and a few allow recruitment of officers in their local gay communities. But no other police chief has personally taken part in such recruiting programs. San Francisco Sheriff Mike Hennessey regularly participates in programs to enroll gay and lesbian officers.▼

Top Cop's Gay Recruitment Plan Draws Flak From Officers

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The announced plans in February by the San Jose police Chief to become the first in the nation to personally recruit prospective officers at a local gay pride celebration this June has set off a firestorm of criticism within the department.

Last month newly appointed San Jose Police Chief Lou Cobarruvia announced he would personally take a recruitment team to the city's annual gay pride celebration to "set an example" for his own officers.

Within a week, however, Police Officers' Association (POA) president, Sgt. Mike Fehr, blasted the chief's announcement. "Sexual orientation is a private matter and

should be kept as such," Fehr wrote in the latest issue of the POA Vanguard newsletter. "It has no business in the workplace."

Fehr, whose union represents the majority of the city's 1,100 sworn officers, said the union agreed with Cobarruvia's aim of achieving "true ethnic diversity" on the force.

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by John Batchelor
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California State University, Sacramento is sponsoring National Women's "Herstory" Month in March. There is still plenty of time to attend a multitude of seminars and workshops. Call 278-7388 for more information. All events are free and open to the public. ●

The Friday night country and western dances at MCC are experiencing sold-out crowds. Last week six men and women were dancing on the sidewalk! To top off the fun there was a clogging demonstration by Steve Martinez, Joe Balistreri and Sonja Cox. ●

Belated (really belated!) congratulations to Jerry Sloan on his election to the California Association of Pride. Celebrations all over the state will benefit from his expertise. Sacramento's Lambda Fair only gets larger every year. ●

My favorite big band, City Swing, will be playing their hearts out and making my heart sing at their annual St. Patty's Day dance. For an incredible listening and dance experience, highlight March 15 on your calendar. It all takes place from 5-9pm at the Contours Gallery in San Francisco. Call 415-554-0402 for information. ●

And speaking of St. Patty's Day, our beloved Russ Marsh celebrates his birthday on the 17th. Fans keep encouraging Russ to compete in the Wreck Room's Fairy Godfather benefits. We know he will eventually make it on the calendar. Congrats to current winner Ken (Spanky) Pargin. ●

Open Road, Sacramento's premier singing trio, is looking for a drummer. If you think you are that person, contact me at the newspaper. ●

Happy March birthdays to Ron Gray, former Sacramentans Edmund and Whitney, Kurt Fowler (sorry I missed your party), and finally our illustrious AIDS/HIV columnist, clogger and all around great woman Sonya Cox, who is celebrating one of her numerous 37th birthdays again. ●

The bar scene in SAC is hopping. Faces has raised the roof (liter-

ally) and by all accounts, the crowd loves it...The Buffalo Club was teeming with women, for the most part, with a smattering of handsome men, on a recent Friday night. The enclosed patio looks great and the restaurant is making its mark...The Town House's bar, pool table, restaurant and friendly faces keep a loyal crowd...The Wreck Room's Nuts and Bolts party last month was great fun. When you purchase a drink you are given a nut or bolt. The hope is that you will eventually find a perfect fit

in the crowd (quite symbolic)...The Mercantile Saloon just sponsored (you missed it by a day) a "Weenie Roast" fundraiser in honor of Brother to Brother: a support group for HIV-positive African American gay and bisexual men...And finally, Joseph's Town and Country (JTC), the home of numerous entertainment events: Mr. Flash attended quite by accident a male strip show at JTC (really). Tuesdays are the night, and these shows are fun! The only minor drawback was

commentary by Grand Duchess Racine and Ashley Harwood. These local celebs know how to dress and do flawless hair; however, they did not do their homework prior to the show. They are constantly calling backstage for details or calling to a nearby table for certain particulars. With the help of a few index cards, these two would compliment the evening immensely. And need I say that the men are hot! Don't miss the Camp Awards at JTC on March 21. ●

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) is always in need of more volunteers for their Hand to Hand program. Check out both the "One on One" or the "Phone Buddies" program. Altruism is what has truly helped us through this crisis. ●

Thanks for reading and caring. 1992 is well underway. Stand proud and stay on course.

.....John

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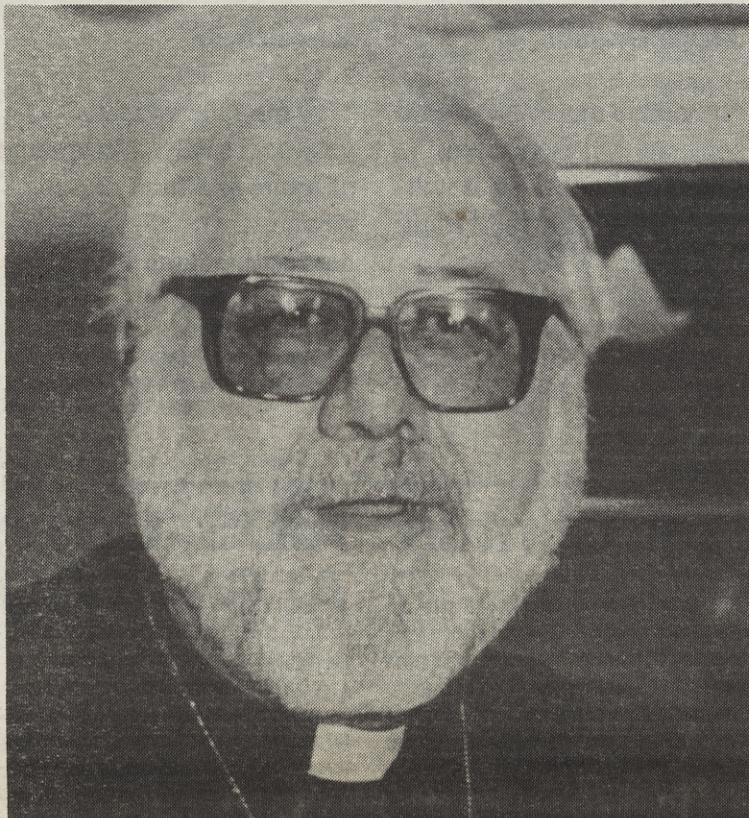


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Rev. Ed Sherriff Resigns Post

Rev. Ed Sherriff recently resigned his position as District Coordinator of the Northwest District of U.F.M.C.C. effective May 1, citing personal and health reasons. He will continue as the executive director of Hope House and director of Samaritan Center, a social service located at 34th and Broadway that feeds hungry people and provides clothing, appliances, furniture and household goods to needy families. A thrift shop, entitled "Out of the Closet", will open soon. Rev. Sherriff is also the program director for Loaves and Fishes, where River City MCC recently broke all records for a normal serving day by feeding 1,033 people a hot lunch. ▼

Sexual Abuse Conference Set

The 17th Annual Chemical Dependency Symposium, sponsored by The Forum on Chemical Dependency, Inc., will be held April 2nd and 3rd at the Holiday Inn Northeast in Sacramento. The focus is twofold: meeting the counseling needs in our culturally diverse population and treating adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Guest presenters will be Peter Bell, founder and executive director of the Minnesota Institute on Black Chemical Abuse, and Wayne Kritsberg, author of several books on the subject of adults raised in dysfunctional families to include The Adult Children of Alcoholics Syndrome: From Discovery to Recovery.

This symposium is designed to assist adult children of alcoholics or any other type of dysfunctional family who are experiencing problems in their lives, those who are concerned about such people and those care givers and helping professionals who are acting as therapists and recovery guides for adult survivors. A special feature is an evening experiential session designed for individuals and couples who are continually finding themselves in unhealthy, dissatisfying relationships or dealing with issues of intimacy and vulnerability in their relationships.

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Ken Topper presents a check to Sue Strong, CARES executive director. "Stan worked diligently to ensure that people with HIV receive quality care in a caring environment. This gift is his way of continuing to provide and contribute after his death." A portion of the funds will go to the Sacramento Regional Foundation Stan Hadden CARES Fund. The fund was created to help defray AIDS patients' medical expenses. Donations may be sent to the Hadden Fund c/o Sacramento Regional Foundation, 1420 River Park Dr. #140, Sacramento, CA 95815; (916) 927-2241. ▼



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Exhibit Honoring Women Artists

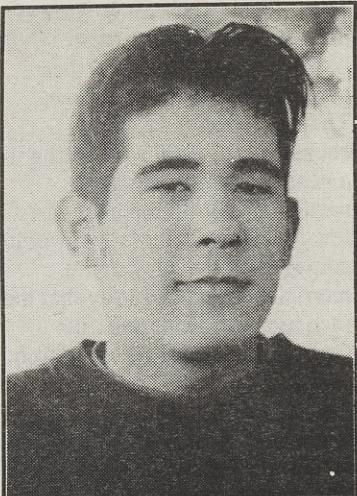
The Chocolate Ripple is sponsoring an art exhibit through March 30th honoring nearly 30 women artists. Proceeds from sales will benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. The artists were honored with a reception on Sunday, March 8th, also bringing to attention that March is designated "Women's History Month". Here, curator Pauline Haynes visits with singer Lena Mosley who performed at the reception. The Chocolate Ripple dessert cafe is located at 1309 21st street in midtown Sacramento. ▼

How do you feel about Gay and Lesbian people calling themselves queer?



Photos by Brian Ashby
Jobe Allen, 17

"I don't call myself queer. I think the word is cute as long as it's not said with hate."



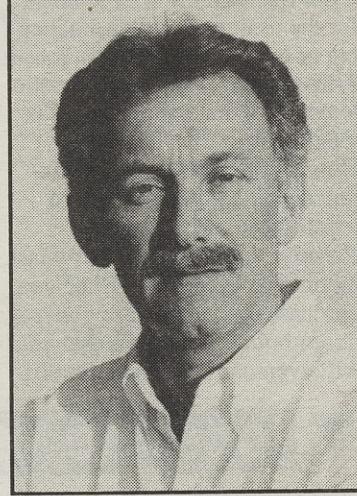
Peter Mares, 16

"I think it's better than fag. It has a way of getting attention at protests. It gets our message across to people better."



Jackie Graham, 47

"It bothers me. Why would someone call themselves queer? I don't think it will accomplish what they want it to."



Ed Allen, 55

"For me I view 'queer' very negatively. No amount of usage as a term of empowerment or all-inclusiveness will reclaim it as a positive term."



Jean Hansen, 63

"I really don't like it! To me 'queer' denotes strange, weird and not acceptable. As a parent of a lesbian I have been privileged to know many gay and lesbian people. I feel they have enriched my life and brought joy to it. They are not Queer!"

Gay Group Raises \$60,000 for Clinton

By Karen Ocambr
GUEST WRITER

"I haven't been this excited about a candidate since Bobby Kennedy," said gay politico David Mixner about his friend Democratic Presidential contender Gov. Bill Clinton who was in Beverly Hills Feb. 28 for a political fundraiser.

ANGLE - Access Now for Gay and Lesbian Equality - raised over \$60,000 for Clinton at perhaps the most lucrative ever fundraiser for a major presidential candidate by a group representing the lesbian and gay community. Altogether ANGLE has raised over \$80,000 for Clinton so far.

As part of the "Clinton for President" National Executive Committee, Mixner is in Clinton's "Kitchen Cabinet." But in a one-on-one interview, Clinton confirmed that, if elected, he wanted Mixner in his Administration.

"We've been friends since we were very young (and) we've been through a lot of our lives together," Clinton said. "I care a lot about him and I think he's an exceptionally able person. I don't believe in slotted appointments. I'd just like to have him involved in the Administration. I think he can do a lot."

At the ANGLE event Clinton impressed many with what attorney Diane Abbott called "his realness." He was introduced by San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg who called Clinton "a man of vision... intelligent and thoughtful...who wouldn't forget us."

Clinton talked about being "tired of the politics of division and denial..tired of seeing the American people put each other down because of their differences." He said American is "badly off track" and needs "a change agent."

Clinton said he has a lot of "sympathy and empathy with the gay and lesbian and minority communities" because he has had "a lot of struggles myself." He said growing up in a violent, alcoholic household gave him "insight into personal terror and isolation." And, he assured the 60-plus event attendees, "I will be there. I want you to play a role in the life of this

country...I want you to have the opportunity to just be people and live up to your fullest potential. This is my commitment. I could do no less and still hold my head up."

Clinton says he will sign a gay and lesbian civil rights bill and he will sign executive orders banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the military and in all federal dealings which means that aside from a federal non-discrimination policy, any company doing business with the federal government from aerospace to the printer next door must have a non-discrimination policy.

"...a man of vision...intelligent and thoughtful...who wouldn't forget us."

"He cares," Abbott said later. "He feels others pain and he has a sincere desire to make it better."

Achtenberg said she was excited to have a candidate "of my generation, forged by life experience I share." She is confident that Clinton will make room for lesbian and gay participation "at the highest levels" of government, including the federal judiciary.

Many other influential lesbian and gay leaders, including Human Rights Campaign Fund Board Co-Chair Randy Klose, endorsed Clinton, saying he will no doubt win the Democratic nomination.

At the larger fundraising dinner lesbians and gays made up 110 of the 600 racially and economically mixed audience. Several celebrities, including John Ritter, and movie studio bosses like Peter Gruber (head of Sony/Columbia Pictures) mingled with labor and union representatives, politicians like Senate candidate Gray Davis, and legal heavies like Chuck Manette, former Chair of the Democratic Party. So far, said National Executive Committee Chair Mickey Kantor, Clinton has raised \$900,000 in California alone.

Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Warren Christopher seemed to best capture the sentiments of the crowd when he lauded Clinton's character under test of fire.

"The true test of a public fig-

ure is how he or she performs in times of crisis," Christopher said, calling Clinton's bout with the tabloids and his "thoughtful letter" about the Vietnam war a "moment for definition" before the New Hampshire primary.

"In those pressured days, the governor demonstrated a kind of character that is essential for a President and for a Commander In Chief. He was calm without being withdrawn, strong but not belligerent, good-humored even when there was little justification for it. He avoided the paralysis of self-pity, and above all, he didn't whine," Christopher said. "He stayed his mind on the vital goal for America...It is rough treatment that gives souls their muster. His was the kind of performance that people mean when they say that Bill Clinton is presidential."

In his remarks Clinton focused on his program for the economy, education, his "comprehensive approach to health care," and the need for "genuine national reconciliation. We need to embrace one another as human beings in this country," he said. "It hasn't done us much good to deny the humanity and deprive the rest of us of the capacity of people because of their sexual orientation." America's diversity is its strength, he said.

A welcome surprise was the endorsement by U.S. Congressmember Maxine Waters who told reporters afterwards that "all is well" between Clinton and Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"I don't think it's important for Rev. Jackson necessarily to choose a candidate at this time," she said. "What I think is important is that Bill Clinton become the nominee and that Jesse Jackson supports the nominee....I think (Clinton) holds out the best promise for black Americans of the candidates that are in this race."

Waters was also particularly impressed by Clinton's grace under pressure when he was "personally attacked."

"He showed that he's a fighter and that he's willing to fight - fight hard," she said. "And I think that's very encouraging. I think people like fighters. I like a fighter." ▼

AIDS, Gay Issues Erupt At State GOP Convention

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

BURLINGAME, Calif. — While Republican presidential contender Patrick Buchanan in Georgia was accusing President Bush of funding art that "glorified homosexuality," AIDS and gay rights issues also erupted as a "lavender herring" at the California state GOP convention here.

Despite standing convention rules on decorum that encourage neutrality and proscribe catcalls and other outcries from the floor, delegates and candidates alike clearly ignored the guidelines on debate etiquette in favor of crowd-pleasing sarcasm and fingernails-on-the-blackboard malice.

In an unusually rancorous opening day set of debates between the five leading Republican candidates for California's two U.S. Senate seats, which are both up for election this year, GOP contenders traded accusations of "promoting the homosexual agenda" and advocating "genocide" against people with HIV infection.

Former entertainer and Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono, a candidate in one of the Senate races, accused the front runner in that election, Rep. Tom Campbell of Stanford, of being "at the trough with the hogs" in Washington and of "promoting the homosexual agenda and gay rights."

Campbell, who is generally considered a conservative on economic issues but liberal on social matters, appeared somewhat caught off-guard by the attack but defended his approach to social issues as coming from his conservative economic philosophy that demands minimal government interference. "We Republicans believe that the individual should choose for herself or himself in private, personal matters. I think that our party should be pro-choice in all such questions."

Later Campbell said, "My support of gay Republican clubs and for gay rights, like my pro-choice stance on abortion, is so open and so public, it's disconcerting to hear someone hurl it at you as if it were

some deep, dark secret they'd uncovered in your closet."

U.S. Sen. John Seymour, who was appointed by Gov. Wilson to fill the Senate vacancy created when Wilson was elected governor, then came under a general attack from U.S. Rep. William Dannemeyer of Orange County who is challenging Seymour in that Senate seat race. "John, if we put you on trial for being a Republican, there is not enough evidence to convict you," Dannemeyer told the convention's 1,500 delegates.

But Seymour, who is generally seen as a somewhat moderate Republican, went on the offensive against the arch-conservative, far-right Dannemeyer. "It's hard to take a candidate seriously who advocates genocide," Seymour said of his opponent. Seymour quoted from a book by Dr. C. Everett Koop, the former U.S. Surgeon General, in which Koop recounted a conversation with Dannemeyer about people with HIV and AIDS. According to Koop, Dannemeyer had said, "Wipe them off the face of the Earth."

Dannemeyer did not respond to Seymour's use of the reported conversation during the debate, but later said of Koop, "He's a damn liar and the conversation never took place."

In what some analysts saw at least as a minor political setback, backers of a move to suspend the convention rules in an attempt to get a two-thirds endorsement vote for President Bush dumped that bid in favor of a non-binding straw vote Sunday, March 1. Even though Bush won that straw vote 745-92, many state GOP leaders conceded the Bush-endorsement move had to be abandoned in order to avoid an open rift with disaffected supporters of Republican challenger Patrick Buchanan and the party's right wing.

Rep. Robert Dornan of Garden Grove, a Bush supporter, said of the endorsement withdrawal, "When you are a certain victor or an incumbent or both, you don't ever abuse the minority or stoke the fires of their passion. Don't burn potential converts at the stake when salvation is at hand." ▼

From the Human Rights Campaign Fund: Presidential Questionnaire Responses



Note: All major candidates in both parties were invited to respond to this questionnaire. All written responses received from the campaigns by February 10, 1992 are included verbatim in this document.

Editor's Note: Harkin and Kerrey recently dropped from the presidential race. Their responses, originally part of this article, have been deleted.

1. As President, will you sign an executive order ending the Department of Defense's policy of excluding qualified men and women from the armed forces simply because they are gay or lesbian?

CLINTON - Yes. I believe patriotic Americans should have the right to serve the country as a member of the armed forces, without regard to sexual or affectional orientation.

TSONGAS - Yes. The same basic principles should apply to the military as to other employers. Americans should not be denied equal access to jobs because of sexual orientation.

2. a) As a legislator, have you sponsored legislation (like H.R. 1430/S. 574, the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act) which prohibits discrimination based on sexual or affectional orientation?

TSONGAS - Yes. In 1979, I introduced in the Senate the first lesbian and gay rights bill, and reintroduced it again in later years. My efforts continued in other ways: helping to add a lesbian-gay civil rights plank to the 1980 Democratic National Platform and to defeat the McDonald Amendment to the Legal Services Corporation bill, which threatened gay and lesbian citizens' access to public legal services.

b) As a governor or mayor, have you issued an executive order prohibiting discrimination against government employees based on sexual or affectional orientation?

CLINTON - No.

3. As President, will you advocate, sign, and enforce the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act?

CLINTON - If elected I will work to insure that the civil and economic rights of all Americans are protected. However, I cannot support the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act in its current form. I believe that the portions of the bill dealing with the hiring of secular employees by religious organizations, and those concerned with the enforcement of non-numerical affirmative action, need further consideration and development. If Congress passed a bill resolving these issues, I would sign it.

TSONGAS - Yes. I first introduced the lesbian and gay rights bill, and have always been committed to it. This will continue as President.

4. As President, will you issue an executive order prohibiting dis-

crimination based on sexual or affectional orientation in federal employment, federal contracts, and government services?

CLINTON - Yes. I think it is imperative that the United States government work actively to end discrimination against gays and lesbians. Discrimination in federal hiring or contracting is absolutely unacceptable to me, and would be banned by executive order in my administration.

TSONGAS - Yes. I will not permit discrimination of any kind in my Administration. An executive order would strengthen federal law and send a message about my commitment on these issues.

5. Do you oppose content restriction for the National Endowment for the Arts, the Public Broadcasting Service, and National Public Radio?

CLINTON - Yes. I strongly support and will defend freedom of speech and artistic expression. I believe that publicly funded projects ought to reflect the values that most Americans share.

TSONGAS - Yes. Content restrictions infringe on basic rights of free speech and expression that these and every other organization ought to enjoy in our democracy.

6. Do you believe that same-sex couples should have the right to marry and enjoy the same legal and tax benefits as heterosexual couples?

CLINTON - No.

TSONGAS - My initial reaction is that couples who make a strong legal commitment to each other ought to be entitled to these rights and benefits, but I would like to consider this issue further.

7. Do you believe the U.S. government should provide universal health care for all its citizens?

CLINTON - Yes. If elected, I will deliver affordable health care to every American through a national health care plan that reduces costs, retains quality, expands choices, and guarantees coverage.

TSONGAS - Yes. My "Health for All Americans" plan ensures that every American receives a generous, standard package of health benefits. Costs are controlled by market forces: government sets strict rules for the market, and private firms compete for patients by providing the best care at the best price. Under this plan, neither the deficit nor national health care spending will rise.

8. Do you support new initiatives and increased federal funding for AIDS research, prevention, education and treatment?

CLINTON - Yes..

TSONGAS - Yes. To combat the AIDS epidemic, I favor expanding Federal research on AIDS vaccines, cures and treatments. My health-care plan covers treatment of AIDS

patients, including home and hospice care. It contains no exclusions for pre-existing conditions. I believe we must develop an effective national strategy to stop the spread of AIDS. Better AIDS prevention and education require a concerted federal effort. I would appoint a Special Assistant to the President on AIDS to spur federal action on AIDS.

9. As President, will you support legislation and policies to create effective AIDS prevention programs that disseminate accurate, frank, and explicit information to reduce the spread of the illness?

CLINTON - Yes.

TSONGAS - Yes. Leveling with the American people about AIDS and how it is spread is a necessary and vital task for government to perform. Not to do so is inexcusable.

10. As President, will you use your position and influence as a leader to educate the public about AIDS, and to encourage support and compassion for all persons infected with HIV?

CLINTON - Yes.

TSONGAS - Yes. I believe the President has an obligation to use the power of that office to educate the public about AIDS. AIDS is first and foremost a medical disease, and the President can have a great influence on changing public perceptions about it. Moreover, far too many AIDS victims suffer not only the horrors of the disease but also the injustices of social stigma and prejudice. The president can do much to debunk myths about AIDS and foster compassion toward those who suffer from it.

11. Do you support the "Parallel Track" program created in 1990, which would provide earlier access to promising experimental therapies for people with life threatening illnesses?

CLINTON - *I believe we need to take swift steps to insure that Americans suffering from AIDS have access to the treatment they need. As President, I will review the entire federal system of AIDS research and treatment to see if there are ways we can improve federal programs and services for those who need them.

TSONGAS - Yes. The parallel track is an important and warranted exception to the Federal and Drug Administration (sic) protocol. In the case of life-threatening diseases like AIDS, our goal should be to exhaust every possibility to save human life.

12. Do you support plans for the accelerated licensure of promising new therapies which are needed by people with life threatening illnesses?

CLINTON - Yes. I believe we need to insure that those who are HIV positive or suffer from AIDS receive the best possible treatment. As new therapies are developed, we need to guarantee that people have access to that treatment which holds out the most hope.

TSONGAS - Yes. This issue is a particularly poignant one for me. I owe my recovery from lymphatic cancer to a promising new therapy for a life-threatening disease. If a Federal rule had precluded me from

receiving the bone-marrow treatment that saved my life half a dozen years ago, I'd have no opinion on the issue today. But it did, and I do..

13. Do you oppose mandatory HIV testing in all circumstances?

CLINTON - Yes. While testing and early detection are a vital component in the fight against AIDS, I believe we must act vigilantly to protect the individual's right to privacy. A Clinton Administration would support the efforts of the Centers for Disease Control to develop a voluntary system of AIDS testing for health care workers.

TSONGAS - In the context of medical care, the best way to protect the public is not mandatory testing but enforcement of infection control practices and education of health care workers. Testing, which would have to be done repeatedly to be valid, would give a false sense of security to patients, and might make people less careful in following proper procedures to avoid transmission of the disease.

14. Do you support the Women's Health Equity Act and additional resources to fight breast, cervical, and other gynecological cancers?

CLINTON - Yes. I am very concerned about the special health care needs of women in this country. I firmly believe we need to insure (sic)

TSONGAS - Yes. The increasing incidence of these cancers is alarming. The Women's Health Equity Act will devote needed resources toward improved treatment.

15. Do you support reproductive freedom of choice for all women?

CLINTON - Yes. I am a strong supporter of the Constitutional right to choose, and would work to codify this right in federal should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned by the current Supreme Court.

TSONGAS - Yes. I strongly support women's right to choose an abortion. As a U.S. Senator, I was a leader in safeguarding the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which established the right to abortion. I vigorously oppose attempts to whittle down the guarantees of *Roe v. Wade* or undermine the availability of abortion and family planning for Americans regardless of income.

Equal Participation

16. During this campaign, have you actively sought the support, contributions, and votes of lesbian and gay voters?

CLINTON - Yes. I believe we need a President who unifies people and brings them together, instead of dividing them further apart.

TSONGAS - Yes. My campaign is actively seeking the support of all Americans.

17. Have you instituted an affirmative program to hire qualified lesbians and gay men, ethnic minorities, and women on your campaign, and will you commit to doing so as president?

CLINTON - Yes. My campaign is staffed by a broad array of people from diverse backgrounds. As President, I would work to insure that Americans of all backgrounds were represented in my administration.

TSONGAS - Yes. For my campaign staff I have sought people who have a diversity of experience and perspectives, and that certainly includes qualified lesbians, gay men, women and ethnic minorities. I would adhere to the same principle as President.

18. Have you designated a campaign staff member to serve as liaison to the lesbian and gay community?

CLINTON - A number of gays and lesbians in different parts of the country currently serve my campaign as advisors, and work as liaisons between my campaign and the gay and lesbian community.

TSONGAS - Yes. David Goldman of my staff is serving in that capacity.

19. Will you discuss lesbian and gay issues in campaign speeches and the general media along with issues of concern to other minority groups?

CLINTON - Yes. As I travel around the country, I have addressed the issues of AIDS and civil rights for gays and lesbians, and have met with gay and lesbian advocacy groups and activists to seek their support.

TSONGAS - Yes. I am eager to present my views on these issues as large an audience as possible.

20. Will you personally commit to avoiding homophobic, discriminatory and divisive tactics and rhetoric in your own campaign, disavow any such activities conducted on your behalf, and condemn those who inject such tactics into the presidential race?

CLINTON - Yes. I abhor divisive politics and am deeply committed to running a campaign which appeals to the highest aspirations of the American people, to bring us together as a nation once again.

TSONGAS - Yes. I have always abhorred such tactics, and will not use them in this campaign. These tactics are divisive and self-defeating. They inflame hostilities and divert the nation's attention away from critical problems it must solve.

Miscellaneous

21. Are there other items in your record which you would like to cite that are not addressed in this questionnaire?

TSONGAS - Restoring the strength of the American economy is the cornerstone of my campaign. To meet the economic threat we face, America needs a comprehensive strategy of the kind I've proposed. This plan, which can be obtained from my campaign office, is designed to make America the world's technological leader; to help American businesses invest in the latest equipment and technology so they can produce the highest quality products; to reform our legal system to help our companies compete in the world economy; to improve education and worker training; and to create a mindset of economic loyalty and patriotism so that we think about the implications of our actions on the economy.

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Biological Bomb?! What They Don't Want You To Know!

by Kathy Mengle
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Syphilis as AIDS, by Robert Ben Mitchell; Austin, TX Banned Books 1990, \$8.95, paperback, 152 pages

In his foreword, Harris L. Coulter, Ph.D., states, "The physician in American society is not longer a free agent who contracts with the patient to cure his aches and pains." Instead the physician is part of a bureaucracy which is constantly monitored, and in which therapeutic techniques require prior approval from those at the top of the bureaucracy. Coulter laments this, noting that it is "a source of intense dissatisfaction to physicians...[and] also baneful for the advancement of medical thought," since orders come from generals at the rear rather than from doctors who have direct contact with patients and see firsthand whether or not treatments work.

In the case of AIDS, "the only acceptable opinions are those formulated by the small coterie in the National Institutes of Health," or NIH, some of whom are of questionable virtue. Their interests are not identical to those of AIDS sufferers: "Many of them have patents on diagnostic procedures, and stock in companies, which stand or fall with the existing viral theory of AIDS." They do not give a fair hearing "to any other theory of the origins and treatment of AIDS. They have chosen patents over patients."

People like Mitchell, he says, fill the void left by physicians, and Mitchell here presents "a vital and readable account of the relationship between syphilis and AIDS."

A second foreword by Stephen S. Caiazza, M.D., states that Mitchell has presented a factual "and detailed overview of the relationship between AIDS and either undiagnosed syphilis or chronic syphilis." Caiazza is the author of *AIDS: One Doctor's Personal Struggle*, and believes that AIDS "is multifactorial, with many pathogens contributing ultimately to disease." He says the connection between AIDS and syphilis cannot be doubted. He contends that *early diagnosis* is the key to preventing fatalities from AIDS. By early, he

means before the person looks or feels sick.

There is so much here that one would have to quote the entire book to cover it all. Mitchell tried to get this information out to doctors in the late 1980's and soon learned that they were afraid to try anything that was not approved by Washington.

We have all heard that AIDS is caused by HIV, a retrovirus. Mitchell and others feel that AIDS is actually probably caused by a bacterium called TP (*Treponema pallidum*) which causes syphilis. Despite the fact that evidence for this theory exists, no research has been undertaken to prove or disprove causation. Ironically, if TP is the culprit, cheap and curative treatments for AIDS could be available in a few years.

Even Dr. Robert Gallo, who claims credit for discovering HIV, has speculated "that a herpes virus co-factor may be required to help HIV cause AIDS." [p.6] Gallo, up to early 1988, had never been able to grow HIV in health individuals. [p.9]

Gallo keeps emphasizing viruses because that is where all the current American research is being done. Since no one has bothered to investigate the syphilis issue scientifically (and the question "Why not?" should be rising louder in your mind), Mitchell has done the next best thing: he has organized all the information he can find on those who have studied syphilis and those who, like Dr. Caiazza, are trying new methods of treating AIDS patients. In the four years that he used antivirals, his AIDS patients died at the rate of one per week. In the first year after switching over to his new method of treating AIDS patients aggressively for syphilis, only one of this patients died. [p.102]

Professor Peter H. Duesberg at UC, Berkeley, published an article in March of 1987 based on his research sponsored by the National Cancer Institute [NCI] and NIH. He concluded: "Indeed the virus [HIV] is not sufficient to cause AIDS." [p.8] He lists five research results, among which is the known fact that viruses are spread by casual contact, while AIDS is not. [pp.8-9]

TP has spread across the globe, and adapted, until it is now a vari-

ety of different strains. Populations adapt to it, too, and suffer chronic syphilis when infected with local strains. When exposed to new strains, however, they develop the worst form, malignant syphilis, which "rampages through the body in an unpredictable and lethal manner." [p.20] Syphilis is even easier to catch than HIV, because it does not have to enter blood, but only lymph. [pp.32-33]

Salvatore Catapano, a medical researcher with forty years' experience with venereal diseases and cancer also believes syphilis is the fundamental cause of AIDS. He developed a typhoid vaccine regimen to reduce cancer tumors and stimulate immune system production of T-cells. While treating AIDS patients with his vaccine, he became suspicious. He had seen Kaposi's sarcoma at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital many years before, in elderly European men. But the sarcomas he was seeing now were more like those he had seen when stationed in the Pacific, which had been caused by a syphilis-related disease, yaws. And the PCP of AIDS patients resembled the pneumonia which wartime soldiers got when they were unsuccessfully treated for repeated outbreaks of syphilis. [p.16]

You may be thinking: syphilis is an STD and can be easily and quickly treated with a dose of penicillin. Unfortunately, and even your physician may not have heard yet, "the American therapeutic protocol for syphilis is temporary-symptomatic treatment only, not curative." [p.11]

Within twelve hours of infection, TP spreads throughout the body. Blood and lymph carry it to virtually every bodily organ, including the central nervous system." [p.23] And the penicillin given for it does not cross the blood brain barrier, which means that the disease lives on in the person's cerebrospinal fluid, or CSF, inside the brain and spinal cord. [p.65] Most people treated since World War II have received this inadequate treatment. There is now a treatment which crosses the blood brain barrier to treat the CSF, but it is not yet the standard protocol.

Both AIDS and syphilis are spread by blood transfusion, sexual contact, and congenital infection. Blood bank policies, in fact, freeze blood well below the point scientifically known to provide for "indefinite viability of the bacterium." [p.36] This means that instead of killing the bacteria, it keeps it alive, to be passed along to the recipient of the blood. IV drug users can also get it from used needles. [p.38] In

these two cases, the recipient will get systemic syphilis without any warning signs or symptoms. In 1985, the blood banks stopped testing donated blood for syphilis. [p.37]

Mitchell and others think the two diseases are the same, or linked, because "though diseases other than syphilis are transmitted the same as AIDS, only TP is known to cause the exact same pathology as AIDS." [p.40] Before penicillin, syphilis was a major topic in the medical literature; now, however, it is placed alongside the other STDs and given little coverage. This is important because a 1981 *JAMA* article stated that "over sixty percent of the physicians in his study were unable to make a correct primary diagnosis of syphilis." [p.53] Mitchell says that older texts "are incredibly similar to today's AIDS literature, the only difference being the choice of words used to name the disease." [p.41] All parts of the anatomy can be invaded by either disease. Kaposi's sarcoma [KS], Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia [PCP], and thrush, are "three of the most common and definitive signs of AIDS. Yet before today's epidemic, they were first associated with syphilis." [pp.44-45]

Syphilis suppresses immune function. In 1969, *Lancet* was printing studies about the immunosuppressive abilities of TP. And, the author reminds us, "Though it was no secret to physicians before 1980, the importance of syphilitic immunosuppression would be completely overlooked once the AIDS era began." [p.73] Europeans have been studying syphilis, but since many American physicians do not subscribe to non-American medical journals, they are unaware of this research. [p.73]

Mitchell believes that there are two other factors at work here. One is the fact that the populations dying from AIDS in the beginning were ignorable: American homosexuals with syphilitic histories, and IV drug users, all of whom had compromised their immune systems through STDs or drugs; and African heterosexuals, who in most cases had never been treated for syphilis. Who cared about these people?

The second factor is just as dark, and more secret: Biological Warfare [BW], which can be used directly on people, or indirectly on land and livestock. [p.79] Since 1972, these biological weapons have been thought to be the ideal, because they are cheap and can theoretically do much more harm than other types. [p.80] In 1986, a defense secretary said "agents can

now be developed that can neither be detected nor defended against." [p.80] Starting in the 60's, scientists recognized this possibility, but it was not until genetic engineering came along that it became feasible and simple. In the 80's we spent over a quarter of a billion dollars on this research. [p.80]

The immune system is what protects us from disease. Not surprisingly, BW people have been focusing on how to disrupt the immune system. A defense department spokesman said in 1969 that within five to ten years, it would be possible to make a new infective micro-organism, different from any other known organisms, and most important, which would disrupt immune and therapeutic processes. [p.81] Many authors before Mitchell have therefore "reasoned that AIDS is the direct result of a BW project gone mad." [p.82]

All of BW occurs in secrecy, but we do know that the U.S. populace has been experimented upon between 1949 and 1969 in many locations. [p.83] In 1972, the primary task stated by its researchers was the development of medical defenses against biologic agents. [p.83] By 1985, the U.S. program, under the army, focused on developing vaccines. [pp.83-84] It is possible that the Department of Defense looked around for available test populations.

Remember, in the 60's syphilis was already known to "cause almost every ailment known to mankind." [p.84] There was also evidence that: 1) it impaired the immune system, 2) the protocol for treating it, did not cure it, and 3) "TP would cause a myriad of bizarre manifestations if allowed to become malignant." [p.84] The sexual revolution had made syphilis epidemic among gay men, and follow-up was discontinued, so that it spread unchecked, mixing different strains. [pp.84-85] Africa's history of epidemic TP infection and poor medical care made it another hotbed for the interbreeding of strains. [p.85]

With the explosion of AIDS in 1980

"came millions of dollars to finance viral research, and thousands of guinea pigs with whom to experiment, all under the guise of public health. Aided by general ignorance of professional and lay people alike concerning the nature of malignant syphilis, it was not hard to convince everyone that a virus was the cause of this new epidemic." [p.85]

Mitchell states four more things to remember: 1. The Defense Department has exposed millions of Americans to biological agents, and an army spokesman told the Senate in 1977 that these tests could be resumed whenever wanted. [p.86] 2. For forty years (30's - 70's), the U.S. Public Health Service ran the Tuskegee syphilis experiment. Over 400 black men were denied treatment for syphilitic infections, and many of them died from syphilis. [p.86] 3. Ten years of AIDS research by the government "has produced antiviral drugs which do not cure patients. Even when properly administered, these drugs are highly toxic." [p.86] 4. The U.S. "has a long history of deadly bigotry...concerning those most affected by AIDS: blacks and homosexuals." [p.85]

Mitchell ends by asking not that readers agree with him, but that everyone begin demanding more answers in regard to all these issues. He particularly advocates that the gay community become

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Creating Freedom

Reviewed by Rochelle Russell
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Coming Out: An Act of Love, by Rob Eichberg, Ph.D., Plume, \$10.95.

Coming Out: An Act of Love is about trusting, loving and telling the truth. This book is a powerful, well-written manual for coming out to friends, family, co-workers and others.

The author, Rob Eichberg, is a clinical psychologist, co-founder of National Coming Out Day and one of the creators of "The Experience" (a week-end workshop held throughout the country). Thousands of individuals have benefited from "The Experience" and now, with this book, Eichberg has extended the same opportunity to all gay men and lesbians.

Eichberg explains that coming-out is not a single event but a process. Honesty is essential in the process of coming-out, for honesty provides the basis for self-acceptance. In turn, self-acceptance provides the strength needed to face the many obstacles encountered in the process of coming-out. Eichberg uses exercises, affirmations and step-by-step suggestions so that a positive attitude is developed and coming-out becomes a rewarding, empowering experience. This book includes many letters from individuals in the process of coming-out. These personal and inspira-

tional letters provide emphasis and illustration that coming-out is well worth the effort it requires.

Coming Out: An Act of Love is a book any person will benefit from reading. Homosexuals will find the book liberating. Heterosexuals will learn to better understand their homosexual friends and family members.

"Each of us—homosexual and heterosexual, individually and collectively—has the power to create freedom for us all." (pg. 195) ▼

Women Knights

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
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Avalon, Mary J. Jones, Naiad Press, 1991, 237 pages, \$9.95.

Don't be put off by the cover illustration. This is not the sweet story of a young girl who rides dragons for adventure. It is a new side of the Arthurian Legend that looks at the Lad(ies) of the Lake and the structure that allowed them to be deciding forces in the politics of medieval England.

Don't be put off by the jacket notes. This is a well-written, articulate memoir of a woman who had her adventures and has her regrets for what she did for love.

Argante is the last Lady of the Lake. This is her tale of the final years of Arthur, her father, and the cause of the fall of the age of magic. She loves Elin who chose to be queen of her people and fight

Arthur's Irish war. She watches her land wither from drought and pestilence and struggles to restore it to its past glory.

The stories of her youth blend with the current turmoil of Avalon and lend a new richness to the days knighthood was in flower. Which, by the way, if Argante's tale is to be believed, many of those knights were women.

An excellent book, to be placed on the shelf next to Bradley's tales of Arthur. ▼

Productive Living...

by Kathy Mengle
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Productive Living Strategies for People with AIDS, ed. by Michael Pizzi and Jerry Johnson, N.Y.: Harrington Park Press, 1991, \$17.95 paperback [Published simultaneously by The Haworth Press, Inc. in hard-bound under the same title and as *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, Vol. 7, Nos. 2/3/4.]

This has been written for people with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers, as well as for spiritual leaders, medical and allied health professionals, and those in the behavioral sciences. It is intended to help HIV-infected people become more functional and independent.

Pizzi specializes in occupational therapy for AIDS care and

to recruit at the gay pride event. "It's just the right thing to do," he said. "No community we're expected to serve can trust us if we do not move actively to recruit members of that community."

Although other city police departments have recruited at gay pride events in the past, Cobarruviaz would be the first chief of police in the nation to personally participate in recruiting gay and lesbian prospective officers.

A San Jose city hall spokeswoman said Cobarruviaz's announcement had generated "several hundred" phone calls that were running "about 50-50 for and against" the chief's plan. ▼

management and worked on developing programs for pediatric and adult AIDS for the NIH.

98% of reported cases of HIV, ARC and AIDS have been people aged 20 to 60, which means that their professional lives may be profoundly disrupted if people can no longer produce at former levels.

This volume covers the medical perspective (typical manifestations of the infection) as well as values, life goals, cultural considerations and spiritual challenges, all in regard to the implementation of occupational therapy. Issues for infants, children and families with HIV/AIDS are examined in detail. Other subjects include Women and AIDS, Adult Day Care for People with HIV, Pain Management and Neuromuscular Reeducation for the HIV Patient, AIDS in a Correctional Setting, and Gay Grief. Bibliographic references are included for each article.

Contains useful information and thought-provoking questions for all those in the helping professions. Recommended. ▼

Born in the Bayous

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
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Clearwater, Catherine Ennis, Naiad Press, 1991, 155 pages, \$8.95 paperback

Set in the town of Clearwater, Louisiana—where everyone knows everyone or, more accurately, is related to everyone—the violent death of her cousin pull Dr. Bernadette Hebert home to discover the reason for his death and uncover his murderer. The trip home returns her to the bosom of her family and, in her hopes, the arms of her school teacher, her first love.

A novel set into a novel relates the intervening years in the life of the school teacher. It builds on the story rather than distracts and makes this a novel well worth the price.

Ennis is a good storyteller and, this book proves, a good mystery writer. ▼

OutWrite Names Groundbreaking Books

The finalists for the first annual Joseph Beam Memorial Award have been announced. This award was created to recognize a book that is outstanding for its exploration of new subject matter, or for reaching a new audience that was not previously reached by lesbian and gay publishing.

Seven books were named as

finalists:

Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out, edited by Loraine Hutchins and Lani Kaahumanu;

Cancer in Two Voices, by Sandra Butler and Barbara Rosenblum;

Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About, edited by Carla Trujillo;

Inside/Out: Lesbian Theories, Gay Theories, edited by Diana Fuss;

Leatherfolk: Radical Sex, People,

finalist:

Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth Century America, by Lillian Faderman; and

Vested Interests: Cross-Dressing and Cultural Anxiety, by Marjorie Garber.

A panel of five judges will

select the winner, which will be

announced on March 22 at OutWrite '92, the National Gay and Lesbian Writer's Conference.

The Joseph Beam Memorial Award is sponsored jointly by Alyson Publications and OutWrite. Alyson Publication is funding the \$1000 prize, but selection of finalists and all judging has been handled independently by OutWrite.

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But he insisted that diversity does not—and should not—include sexual orientation.

"The blatant error made with this issue [by Cobarruviaz] is that ethnic diversity and sexual orientation are two completely different issues," Fehr said. "We strongly disagree with the... political editorializing and patronizing of any one group. It sets a poor tone for our department and it's bad policy for any organization."

Despite the outcry from rank-and-file officers, Chief Cobarruviaz insists he is sticking by his decision

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more vocal and visible in standing up for what's right, "because nobody else is going to do it for you." [p.91]

Full references are provided for each chapter, and Appendices give Dr. Caiazza's antibiotic protocol for AIDS, as well as a speech given by him, and a bibliography on Biological Warfare. A Names Index and a Subject Index will assist prompt retrieval of desired information.

I had vaguely heard of this theory before opening the book to review it. As I turned the pages, I kept asking myself, why haven't we heard all of this openly, and loudly, for the past decade? If Caiazza can keep people ambulatory and alive, why aren't he and other practitioners on the front lines being recognized as heroes?

Since AIDS has now made its way into the bisexual and heterosexual communities, the information in this little volume holds sobering thoughts for us all. I would like to share four of mine with you:

1. What will become of the child molested by someone with syphilis?

2. What will become of the wives and girlfriends of bisexuals who have been treated for syphilis with the same inadequate protocol?

3. What will become of the people who have received blood transfusions tainted with TP? They will show no outer signs and may remain undiagnosed for years, infecting all their sexual partners.

4. What will become of the thousands, if not millions, of people who are undiagnosed or misdiagnosed because their physicians have not been trained to recognize syphilis?

Mitchell has posed the questions. If you care at all, buy this book, read it, and then use your conscience and consciousness to hold people accountable. Highly recommended.

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Mississippi Masala is a Hot, Heady Mix

by Matthew Kennedy
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Mississippi Masala cast members include Sarita Choudhury and Denzel Washington

Here is a movie, a little rough around the edges, that has more guts, and more honest human emotion, than a dozen bloated Hollywood prestige projects.

First, the plot—certainly one of the most original in many years. All non-Africans, including a well-to-do Indian family transplanted from India several generations earlier by the British, are being expelled from Uganda. The year is 1972, and Idi Amin has declared Uganda for black Africans only. Flash forward to 1990: The great kinship network of the Indian diaspora brings the family to Mississippi, where they manage a roadside motel. The only child has grown into a beautiful young

with a black Ugandan and his outrage at his daughter's choice of boyfriend.

The emotions here are complex and real, and they refuse to find resolution in two hours. Director Mira Nair's insight into the Indian community is not surprising, but her near parallel insight into the Southern black community goes way beyond expectations. There is no *The Color Purple/Dances With Wolves*-type of reverence turned condescension that can plague the work of directors exploring an alien culture. These characters are so well-drawn, and so accurately contained in their milieu, that all questions of authenticity simply evaporate.

The film's message on the corrosive effects of racial intolerance is delivered with piercing honesty. *Mississippi Masala* is no *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner* fade-to-happily-ever-after. The lovers (a wildly sensual pair played by Denzel Washington and newcomer Sarita Choudhury) must deal with a hostile world and two families devastated by this invasion of racial impurity. Further, *Mississippi Masala* has the guts to suggest that happiness for these two may mean striking out not only against the

rules of marriage and family, but against the rules of seeking higher education as well. Their struggle to live free of social prejudice becomes a deeply personal one, certainly for a gay audience.

The cast is big, warm, funny and almost perfect. The family picnic in the back yard, played with unforced charm by all, becomes everyone's family picnic—there is the pleasure of recognition as brother, father, aunt and grandad spar. The one minor complaint in casting goes to Choudhury, who only occasionally showed her inexperience with melodramatic line readings. Propelling the movie is a rich, if occasionally flawed, screenplay by Sooni Taraporevala, and great Indian, African and blues music.

With 1988's *Salaam Bombay!* and *Mississippi Masala* on her resume, Nair is now working on her most ambitious project to date: a film on the life of Buddha. The stakes are higher for her now, and one hopes this genuine artist can continue to tell stories on the screen with the grace of a seasoned master. ▼

"Latins Anonymous"—Proof Positive Laughter is the Best Medicine



Photo by J. Kenneth Wagner

Robert Covarrubias, Gustavo Ruelas, Anne Betancourt and Julia LaRiva in "Latins Anonymous" at the Sacramento Theater Company

Reviewed by James Fitzpatrick
OF MGW STAFF

When people are oppressed, using comedy to deal with societal prejudice is more often the norm than not. We gays have made an art of camp humor, dressing in drag and exaggerating straight society's perspective of us, while simultaneously poking fun at our oppressors. It's simply a way to relieve the tensions that would otherwise overwhelm us. Anger and political activism are extremely important in combatting prejudice, of course, but humor helps us let off steam in often more emotionally rejuvenating ways. We know how ridiculous prejudice is. We live it. We experience it daily. So why not respond with the in-your-face retribution of humor? That's one of the lessons groups like ACT UP and Queer Nation, who have successfully combined direct political action with camp humor, have taught us.

And this is the theme behind "Latins Anonymous", which opened March 6 in its Northern California premiere at Sacramento Theater Company. The play was written in 1989 after its four co-authors, Luisa Leschin, Armando Molina, Rick Najera and Diane Rodriguez, grew disgusted with Hollywood and the stereotyped roles they found themselves auditioning for (a gang member, a Columbian drug dealer, a maid and pregnant woman 1,2 or 3). If these are the only types of roles they would be offered, they decided they'd take direction of their acting lives by writing, producing and acting their own work from the Latino perspective. "Latins Anonymous" is the result.

This hilarious, sometimes slapstick play weaves 20 sketches in a

format modeled after such self-help groups as Alcoholics Anonymous and Overeaters Anonymous. The four characters, named after the four playwrights, introduce themselves to other members of the organization (the primarily "Anglo co-dependent" members of the audience) saying "we admit we are Latino, powerless to change that, and don't want to." But there is one member of Latinos Anonymous who has not yet come to terms with her Latina heritage. Luisa, who worships Edith Piaf and portrays herself as a French national, introduces herself as Nicolette Sauvignon Blanc. Obviously she needs the help of Latins Anonymous.

The various sketches take humorous, satirical looks at the problems faced by Latin Americans, ranging from the compulsive attraction to blonde women by a Sam Space type character (Samuel Espada) to the clever combination of Hollywood casting and gang warfare in "Separate Turf" ("there hasn't been a revival of *West Side Story* in years!"). The play even allows for hilarious references to such localities as Land Park and Faces(!).

STC's production of "Latins Anonymous" is effective and compelling, ably directed by co-author Najera. And the cast—Kulia La Riva as Luisa, Anne Betancourt as Diane, Gustavo Ruelas as Rick and Robert Covarrubias as Armando—was nothing short of superb on opening night.

"Latins Anonymous" plays Tuesdays through Sundays, through March 29, at the Sacramento Theater Company, 14th & H Streets downtown. Information and Reservations: 443-6722. ▼

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Ernesto's Brings *Romeo et Juliette* Closes Sacramento Opera Season

by David Eckert
MGW ASSOC EDITOR

A very pleasant surprise awaits Mexican food fans at 16th and S Streets. An enterprising Mexican family, a mother (Pauline) and her two offspring (Patricia and Ernesto) have opened a new restaurant featuring a wide variety of delectable appetizers, entrees and combination dinners, all at very affordable prices.

Upon entering the establishment we were immediately struck by the clean lines and pleasing decor. You knew you were in a Mexican establishment, but you weren't overwhelmed by it. Subdued lighting was accentuated by soft Latin music that was there, but not too much there.

Precisely five seconds after being seated, hot chips and flavorful salsa were placed in front of us (the first sign of a really good Mexican restaurant--you know how many people go to Mexican restaurants just for this one treat. And, they were free!). Very shortly after that came the waiter taking drink requests. Needless to say, margueritas were the order of the evening. Excellent, generous, and just \$2.50 (\$1.50 from 11am to 5pm on weekdays). Full bar service featuring beer, wine and your favorite cocktails is always available.

Our dinners were delivered promptly and piping hot. Bill had the chili verde dinner, while I indulged my love for enchiladas of any constitution (in this case, cheese and beef). In a word, it was a gordo (big) meal for a poquito (little) price.

Why eat here? Easy. It's good, there's a lot of it, nothing on the menu's over \$7.50, the drinks are reasonable, the service is superb, and the family owners are eager to please. They wish to extend a special invitation to the community: come and try us. You'll be glad you did! Highly recommended. ▼

by Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

The Sacramento Opera Association's final production of this season (on February 28) was Charles Gounod's 1867 version of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. The opera, while definitely not of the first rank, does contain much beautiful music for the two lovers. In fact, it is basically an extended love duet for soprano and tenor. The greater tragedy of the implacable houses of the Capulets and Montagues is not captured.

The SOA's very fine production brought the opera vividly to life, playing to the score's strengths. Chinese tenor Jianyi Zhang sang an excellent Romeo. His good-sized voice has a slight huskiness which gives it virility, yet does not rob it of lyricism. The top is free and

easily produced with ringing high notes. While he may lack the refined (and nearly vanished) style of French tenors, his singing was a constant pleasure all evening. As an actor, he is handsome with a good figure (he looked great in tights) and seemed comfortable on the stage. However, his gestures seemed almost generic rather than motivated by the dramatic situation. Especially tiresome was his over-use of outstretched arms, as though preparing for a bear hug. Mr. Zhang should be especially successful in the many lyric to medium-weight roles (such as Rodolfo or Riccardo) and hopefully will return here soon.

Amy Burton sang a pleasing but not memorable Juliette. Her soprano, while certainly up to the vocal demands of the role, was sometimes slightly shrill and often



Amy Burton as Juliette, Jianyi Zhang as Romeo

colorless. It just didn't have much sparkle. She looked fine for the part and acted convincingly, however, and her voice did blend beautifully with her Romeo's tenor.

The strong rich bass of Herbert Eckhoff gave authority to Friar Lawrence, but he too seemed ever-ready for a bear hug. In the smallish role of the page Stephano, mezzosoprano Melissa Thorburn was underappreciated by the audience.

Her voice is large and very rich, well controlled, and apparently capable of considerable flexibility. She ended the serenade with a true trill, reminiscent of (dare I say it?) Marilyn Horne!

This singer definitely deserves watching and should also be invited back as soon as possible, hopefully in a mezzo *bel canto* role. Baritone James Javore seemed miscast as Mercutio, treating him almost like Romeo's comical sidekick. Bruce Johnson's small whiney tenor did little for Tybalt, but his acting was good. Peter Klaeveness sounded frog-like as Count Paris, but the other minor roles were well sung, especially the nurse of Lee Starr. Monroe Kanouse's conducting was well-paced, allowing the score's lyricism to flow. The chorus, after a ragged entry, sang lustily.

The physical production, with sets designed by Jay Kotcher, was perhaps the finest the SOA has ever presented. The six scenes each had individual sets (rather than a single

all-purpose mounting), although some props were recycled. Each scene gorgeously recreated the Veronese style of architecture, with beautiful arches and windowed walls. Barbara Jackson's costumes were brilliantly colorful and handsome. The supertitles used Shakespeare's own words where appropriate.

With such a fine production before them, it was a pity that many in the audience (at least around me) paid so little attention. Disregarding those near them, people chattered away during the music, as though watching a home video.

The new season begins on September 18 with Verdi's *A Masked Ball*, followed by a gala concert in November, and closing in February with *The Flying Dutchman*, the company's first foray into Wagner. Call 442-4224 for a season brochure.



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The Lambda Players Presents: *Men of Manhattan*

The Lambda Players is proud to present the Sacramento debut of *Men of Manhattan*. This critically-acclaimed, off-Broadway success about New York gay life was written by the Tony Award-winning producer of *Torch Song Trilogy*, John Glines. The show contains nudity and is recommended for a mature audience. The show plays Saturday and Sunday evenings at 8:15pm, March 21 through April 19, at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Information and Reservations: 442-7752. ▼



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4 Sailors, 2 Marines Charged With Gay-Bashing

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Four sailors and two Marines came to the city's last week to cruise its gay bars. But according to police the six military men weren't looking for a relationship or even a quick sexual partner for the night. Instead the six men have been charged with felony assault in the attack of a gay man they lured from a bar here.

According to police the six men brought a collection of knives, sling shots with spiked darts and handguns on Feb. 17 to attack a gay man - any gay man. The club the six men selected was the popular Phoenix bar in the city's predominately gay Castro district where one of the six men asked a bar patron to accompany him to a supposed basement apartment nearby for a night of sex.

Police say that when the two men went to the apartment door, the alleged assailant began fumbling with his keys when the other five men came out of hiding and began attacking the victim. Luckily a neighbor heard the man's shouts for help and called the police.

In the meantime, the neighbor also opened his window and began

shouting at the attackers to "clear out" because he had called the police. His actions apparently scared the attackers who fled. The apartment itself was unoccupied and had apparently been selected because of its secluded side entrance.

Quickly responding to the emergency call, officers were able to get accurate descriptions of the attackers, enabling them to arrest two Navy men - Brian Eldred, 19, from Washington state, and Christopher Hall, 18, from West Virginia. Then with the Navy's help, they also arrested two other sailors - Hans Dikes, 18, of Missouri, and Mark Parker, 23, of Arkansas. Authorities also arrested Kent Wheeler, 20, of Ohio, and Alfred Schwartz, 20, of Michigan, in connection with the assault. All six men are stationed at Mare Island Naval Base here.

Following the arrests of the six men, not only were they charged with felony assault on Wednesday, Feb. 26, they can also get extra prison time under a newly enacted state hate crimes law.

"This will be the first case prosecuted under the new, enhanced hate crimes statute which allows the judge to give an extra two, three or four years imprisonment on top of the sentence given for the assault," according to Ken Cady, an assistant district attorney.

The victim of the assault, whose identity is not being released, was not hurt badly enough in the attack to require hospitalization.

The Navy says it may also press military charges against the suspects and bring them to a court martial trial possibly to kick them out of the armed services. ▼



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D.C. Recognizes Domestic Partners

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In an unusual show of support, the District of Columbia Council voted unanimously on Tuesday, March 3, to extend legal status to domestic partners that register with the city, provide medical leave benefits to D.C. municipal employees, and offer tax breaks to private businesses that provide their own workers with partners insurance. D.C. is the first city to try tempting private sector employers with tax benefits for adding domestic partner insurance programs.

The new ordinance will permit unmarried couples - gay or straight - to register their relationships with the District government. To qualify, the pair must each be more than 18 years of age and live together.

District employees would also be allowed to take sick leave to care for a domestic partner who is ill as well as funeral leave. The District's leave benefits are similar to those already in place in a few other cities, such as Seattle and San Francisco.

But unlike other domestic partners legislation, the D.C. ordinance also offers municipal tax incentives for private firms that add domestic partner health insurance plans to their worker benefits programs in an attempt to spur increased health insurance coverage in the private sector.

While several private employers, like Lotus Development Corp. and Levi Strauss, have added their own domestic partners insurance benefits plans, the firms have been given no local tax breaks for such programs until the D.C. legislation just approved. ▼

The World Is Ending!

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

Social scientists saw it coming a decade ago; demographic researchers sounded the alarm as long ago as 1988. Now actual measurements by real people with expensive pen and pencil sets have confirmed our worst fears: There is a rapidly expanding hole in the world's trend layer.

The trend layer - that thick, fuzzy conceptual haze that insulates us from the excessively harmful effects of reality - is now so depleted that we face the ultimate nightmare of modern existence: Life without trends.

It started with Queer Nation which gay press pundits heralded as a "new phase in militancy" and the "cutting edge of in-your-face activism." But pretty soon most community leaders began to realize that Queer Nation was only a reversion to the gay activism of the late 1970s that had been sidetracked by the AIDS epidemic. While a few community newspapers began using the new 'queer' rhetoric, most quickly dropped it after most of their readers expressed either resentment over use of a word they considered insulting or massive indifference to it. With the growing presence of Associated Press wire stories in the nation's gay press, the word 'homosexual' is in fact now more common in many of our papers than either 'queer' or 'gay.'

Then came the much-touted 'lesbian baby boom' trend. But that, too, turned out to be largely a bust. Sure, there were suddenly more lesbians with young kids visible, but it now appears all that's really happened is that lesbians who wanted children had switched from turkey basters to sperm banks. If there was a trend at all, it now seems, it took place years ago and didn't have anything to do with

lesbian motherhood so much as quality control.

'Outing' looked like a hot item for a while, but it also went more or less belly up as a trend after one particularly sassy queen quipped, "Oh, look. Gays have reinvented gossip."

Clothing styles went up-scale and less casual but down-scale and more casual at the same time. Gay men were confronted with the dreadful prospect of fashion without trends. Lesbians were faced with the 'Phran/Tomlin' dilemma of choosing between a butch flat-top or long, wavy tresses and it not meaning anything in particular.

Existential angst is all well and good for a night on the town, but can it really work as a steady diet? Without the trend layer to protect us, how will any of us be able to tell if we're on the cutting edge or passe? How will we know if a Queer National in a suit and tie is a manifestation of pre-modernism or if he's just trying to get a decent-paying job?

The heartbreak of trendlessness. Improbable as it may sound, researchers believe that society, unprotected by the trend layer, could actually survive the harsh, dangerous rays of reality. Scientists agree, however, that life as we know it would be radically altered by such hazardous, unfiltered exposure. ▼

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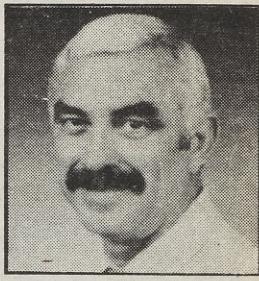
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Feathers and Fur

by Joan B. Guertin
OF MGW STAFF

How did it get to be Easter again so soon? I guess the old adage, "time flies when you're having fun," has some truth to it. The season always makes me feel good as spring is evident in the blooming daffodils in the front yard and the brilliant red and white buds on the fruit trees lend color to branches devoid of life all winter. It is a definite time of renewal of the spirit. In addition, the season heralds the birthing season of little beasties. And Easter in particular brings with it visions of furry bunnies and fluffy chicks, ducks, and geese.

While thoughts of pets usually turn to the traditional dogs and cats, many people thoroughly enjoy off-beat pets such as rabbits, chickens and ducks. Years ago when I had horses I kept a "watch goose" in the pasture. It was a real farce, and the only thing Clyde watched was the gate, ready to welcome anyone who would bring him a treat. It back-fired on him, apparently, as he disappeared one Thanksgiving without a trace.

Two years ago a friend gave me a wonderful little lop-eared

Calvin thrive on playtime together, possibly because Dr. Jim at Pocket South Pet Hospital neutered Calvin, a definite necessity if we were to avoid a massive pet overpopulation among the bunnies. They en-

dispose of. They are really good, and it is a nice bonus that goes along with feathered pets like ducks and chickens. Ducks come in a great variety of colors and breeds. My Runners are extremely color-

them out of their yard, and they stay right out in the pasture and garden and keep the bug population down.

The landlord and his wife have pet chickens. A bonus is the egg supply, which is bountiful. We

enjoy the rich colors and the uniqueness of the Aracanas and Rhode Island Reds. I've included a photo of their rooster, the unusual Polish chicken shown with my assistant, Cathy Goodsell. Their chickens all have names, the rooster is Gomez, while all the rest are named for comedians. It is really funny to see my adult landlord/lady sitting on the ground with chickens clustered around them, handfeeding them corn. These are people who really enjoy their pets and whose lives are made richer by the association. If you are interested in ducks or chickens, call Judy Campbell, The Duck Lady, at 988-3501. She only sells pets, so don't expect to find eating fowl there. They are all hand raised and well loved.

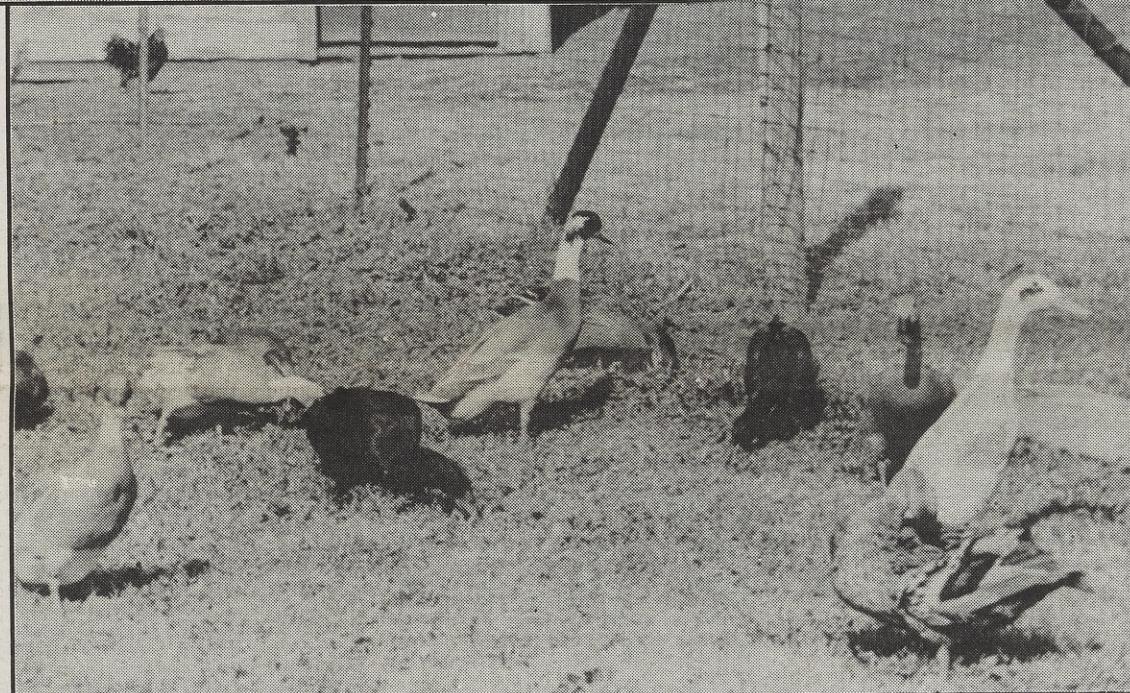
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joy romping in the grass and nibbling on fresh new grass. I miss them, but have visiting privileges.

Bunnies really do make wonderful pets. They need to be watched because of their chewing. They box train very well and are clean pets. They are curious, friendly and very loving as a rule. Mine loved running around with the dogs, and we even taught them a few tricks. While rabbits can be taught to walk on a leash, they don't have to be exercised as a rule more than that which they get running around the yard or house. I would suggest anyone looking for a rabbit look for one that has been hand raised and handled a great deal, and they will continue to be friendly and easy to handle.

I have also found my Indian Runner ducks to be delightful pets. Although I bought them to help in training my dogs to herd, I discovered that they have delightful personalities, and it isn't unusual to find me leaning against the fence talking to the ducks and watching them parade around their yard. I mentioned in an earlier column that I was wondering what I would do when the ducks started laying eggs...well, now I'm busy hustling duck eggs to anyone who will buy them. I only eat about three a week, and since they are now averaging about six a day, that leaves a few to



ful, and I suspect that my one drake must be part Mallard due to the brilliant colors on his head. Of course, they all have names, and I've grown quite attached to them in the year they have lived here. They are easy to care for, requiring only a yard, food, and water for both drinking and swimming. I gave mine a kiddie pool, and on hot days it is wonderful to watch them splashing in the pool. I frequently let

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Information: Larrabee, 731-5648; Julia Mullen, 448-7550. ▼

Roller Skating Parties Are Back

S.A.G.A. IV, Sacramento Arts and Games Association, will be hosting monthly roller skating parties beginning Monday, March 16, at King's Skate Country, 2900 Bradshaw Road/Highway 50, from 8:30-10:30pm. For Information: Tom Lane, 635-1535; Keith Thomas, 455-0986. ▼

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▼ 14 - Saturday

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CA NOW Legislative Workshop, LA Airport Hyatt (Mikado Room), 6225 W. Century Blvd., LA, \$25.

Third Spring Plant Faire & Sale, Sacramento Garden & Arts Center, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 10am, 331-3057, 443-9413.

Gwen Avery, I.M.A. Cultural Center, Bodega, 8pm, \$12, 707-876-3004.

"Beginning In Bondage Play", Leather First, free computer board, beginning class, 362-4663 or 974-1262.

Chanticleer, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 8pm, \$18, \$14 student/senior, 415-896-5866.

▼ 15 - Sunday

Gwen Avery, "The Blues: Piano & Vocals", IMA Center, Bodega, 1pm, \$35, 707-876-3004.

▼ 16 - Monday

Roller Skating Party, Sponsored by Saga IV, King's Skate Country, 2900 Bradshaw Rd at Hwy 50, 8:30pm-10:30pm, \$5 includes skate rentals, Keith Thomas, 455-0986.

"Spiritual Autobiography", Charla Wistos, 10 Monday evenings beginning tonight, 1216 18th St., 6pm, \$35 per week, \$25 deposit, 443-4947.

"Is There A Lesbian Paradise?", Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Center, 7pm, 442-0185.

Women's Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, 6:30pm, 783-0579.

Meet the Candidates, R.C.D.C., Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St., 6:30pm, 451-1970.

S.A.G.A. IV Roller Skating Party, King's Skate Country, 2900 Bradshaw Rd., 8:30pm, 635-1535.

▼ 17 - Tuesday

"Big Bang Concert", Ray Charles, Arco Arena, \$18-30, benefitting the SAC Symphony, BASS Tickets.

PFLAG Meeting, Christian Ed. Bldg., St. Marks UMC, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 7:30pm, 665-1050.

Planning Meeting, NCOD, Lambda Comm. Ctr., 1931 L St., 7pm, 481-0105.

▼ 18 - Wednesday

ACT Up Meeting, 900 V St., 8pm, 863-3025.

▼ 19 - Thursday

Les Brown, SAC Convention Center, 7:30pm, KVIE, 929-5843.

"Ms Stripper of the Year Contest", Cafe San Marcos, 2367 Market, S.F., 8pm, \$10 donation, 415-346-8908.

"Nat'l Day of Awareness and Response to Violence Against Gay Men and Lesbians", NGLTF, 202-332-6483.

Lesbian Support Group for Partners of Incest Survivors, 1701 H St., 7pm.

"Denial Is not a Flea Market in Roseville", Sacramento City College Little Theater (A-6), 12pm, Free.

▼ 20 - Friday

SAC Symphony, Jeffrey Kahane, piano, SAC Community Center, 8pm, also Saturday, Mar. 21.

Judy Fjell, SACWN's "Women's Herstory Concert", Clarion Inn, 7:30pm, 486-8985.

Hot SLCC Nite, Marsha Oritt + Financial Planning beyond the paycheck, 7pm, 687-7282.

LA Gay Rodeo, Golden State Rodeo Assn., LA Equestrian Ctr., 480 Riverside Dr., Burbank, thru Mar. 22, 310-498-1675.

▼ 21 - Saturday

International Ms Leather Contest 1992, "Hell on Wheels", Club Townsend, 177 Townsend St., S.F., 3pm, 415-626-1672

Sacramento Master Singers, "Requiem", St. Francis Church, 26th & KSts., 8pm, \$6-8, 967-2762.

Common Sense Puppy Training, 6424 Sutter Ave., Carm., 9am, 485-2201.

R.C.D.C. Ninth Anniversary Party, Faces, 2000 K St., 6pm, 394-3114.

▼ 22 - Sunday

GLAAD/East Bay Meeting, Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 7pm, 510-273-9176.

Sunday Reading Series '92, Time-Tested Books, 1114 21st St., 7:30pm, \$2-5 donation, 447-5696.

An Evening with Dr. Ruth, Crest Theatre, 4pm, call for cost, 969-5936.

▼ 23 - Monday

"Coming Out: The Unending Process", Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Center, 7pm, 442-0185.

Women In History Awards Celebration, Sacramento History Museum, 101 I Street, Old SAC, 7pm, 264-7057.

▼ 26 - Thursday

SPCA Annual Used Book Sale, Country Club Plaza, Watt & El Camino, thru Apr. 5, books may be dropped off at the Shelter during regular hours, 383-7387.

"Women in Sacramento History", SAC County Historical Society, SAC History Museum, 101 I St., Old SAC, 7:30pm, 967-7950.

▼ 27 - Friday

Desert Shore Campout, Dinah Shore Weekend 1992, RW Productions, Lake Cahuilla County, 619-343-2207.

Music For the Theater, SAC Symphony, SAC Community Center, 8pm, 649-0300.

▼ 28 - Saturday

Sharon Burch, Claudia Gomez, IMA Retreat Center, Bodega, 8pm, \$12, 707-876-3004.

1st Annual National Play-The-Recorder Day, SAC Chapter, American Recorder Society, Sunrise Mall, 10am, 452-7693.

Music for the Theater, SAC Symphony, SAC Community Theater, 8pm, 649-0300.

Tinsley Ellis, Palms, 726 Drummond, Davis, 8:30pm, 920-1121, 449-5181.

▼ THEATRE

"The Baddest of Boys", Theater Rhinoceros, Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, S.F., May 14-31, 415-861-5079.

"Bus Stop", Mar 20-May 10, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 958-6361.

"Dark Fruit", Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, thru Mar. 8, 8pm, 3583 16th St. at Market, SF, \$10, 415-861-7933.

"Dial M For Murder", thru April 5, Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 12:20pm & 7pm, \$14.50-\$18.50, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 958-6361.

"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You", Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St., SF, Apr. 2-12, 8pm, \$10, 819-7933.

"Godspell", directed by Donna J. Sparks, sponsored by Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Fri, Sat & Sun, Mar 6-28, 8pm, call for exact dates & times, 449-7228.

"Greater Tuna", national hit comedy Feb 11 thru April 5th, 24th Street Theater, 557-1999.



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Russ Dunn's **"Carhops In Bondage"**, Sacramento's sweetheart sci-fi musical comedy, and Elly award winner for best original production, plays Friday and Saturday nights at the Old Eagle Theater, 925 Front Street in Old Sacramento. Curtain: 8pm. \$12 general admission, \$10 students and seniors. For reservations and information: Russ Dunn, 731-5701. ▼

"Latin Anonymous", Sacramento Theater Company, Mar. 6-29, 1419 H St., \$12-21, call 443-6722 for times.

Leesha Divar (Singing, Comedy), Our Place, Thursday Nights, 8:30-10:30 pm, 649-8420.

"Levitation", Lambda Community Center, Sat & Sun nights 8:15pm, May 23-June 21.

"Men of Manhattan", Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Sat & Sun nights, 8:15pm, March 21-April 19.

Murder Mystery Dinner, The York Hotel, Feb. 22, Mar. 14, Apr. 4, May 9, 940 Sutter St., SF, 415-885-6800.

"The New Moon", Davis Comic Opera Co., Apr. 9-12, 16-18, Veterans Memorial Theater, 14th and B St, Davis, 916-758-3262.

"Noises Off", CSUS, University Theater, 6000 J St., Mar 27-28, Apr. 2-5, 9-11, 8pm, Sun. matinee 2:30pm, \$7 general, \$4 student, 278-6604.

"The Odd Couple", thru April 11, Fri & Sat, 8:30pm, \$10, Stagedoor Comedy Playhouse, 2120 Royale Rd, 927-0942.

"Oklahoma", Fri & Sat 8:15pm, Sun 2:15pm, \$10 general, \$8 students/seiors, Davis Musical Theatre, 2121 2nd St, Davis, 756-3682.

Original Script, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Sat & Sun nights 8:15pm, July 25-Aug 23.

"Our Country's Good", California Stage Co., T Street Theater, 47th & T, Thu.-Sat., Mar. 12-Apr. 4, 8pm, \$8-10, 451-5822.

"Rumors", Foothill Theater Co., opens Mar. 13 thru Apr. 11, Nevada Theater, Nevada City, NV, 916-265-8587.

"Sex Drugs Rock & Roll", Miriam Gray's Acting Studio, Mar. 21-22, 25-27, 29, Apr. 1999.

1-4, American Legion Post 61, 15th & H Sts., 8pm Sat., 7pm Sun., \$12, 448-9778.

The Three Penny Opera, Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm, \$8 general, \$5 students/CSUS Alumni SARTA, CSUS Theatre, 6000 J St, call for exact times & dates, 648-8723.

"Twice Over", Theater Rhinoceros, opens Mar. 7, 8pm, \$20, 2926 16th St., SF, 415-861-5079.

"The Exhibitionist" by Maxine Olson at Archival Framing

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", The Show Below, 2130 L St., Mar. 6-Apr. 11, \$12, 8pm, 2:30pm Sunday matinee, 446-2787.

Music Circus Summer Schedule:

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▼ GALLERIES

Crocker Art Museum, Wed thru Sun., 10 am-5 pm. Extended hours Thurs til 9 pm 1421 K Street, 449-6711.

Anita Lee, designer of elegant jewelry & fiber wall sculpture, Matrix Members' Gallery.

Miriam Davis, "Pain Transfigured", Archival Framing, Mar. 3-27, reception Mar. 7, 7pm, 444-9624.

"Heat", by William Gilbert, Institute for Design and Experimental Art, Mar. 7-Apr 18, reception Mar. 7, 7pm, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

Lost & Found and Collectivism, The Center for Contemporary Art, thru Mar. 29, \$1 donation requested, 1116 15th St., 448-6269.

"The Shell Series", Judy Hall, The Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., thru April, 488-1211.

Nina Glaser, Photographs, Morphos Gallery, 544 Hays St., S.F., Feb. 28-Apr. 5, 415-626-1936.

"Horary Astrology at Work", Doris Chase Doane, President, American Federation of Astrologers, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., Sun., Mar. 22, 1pm, 447-0132.

Spring Salon, Mar. 28-Apr. 18, Reception Mar. 28, 2pm, call for location, 441-7025.

Group Landscapes, Himovitz Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Lane, 925-5917.

Peter Fels, Donna Shellooe, Christina DeGennaro, Don Bell, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., Mar. 4-28, 448-8723.

Ken Scott, Stephanie Skalisky, Kim Scott, Spectrum/Himovitz Gallery, 511 Harrison, SF, Mar. 5-Apr. 25,